

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME BUDGET REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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The Town Council set aside £50,000 in its budget for 2020/21 for community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Town Council, in exercising its functions has a duty to consider the likely effect on, and the need to prevent, crime and disorder. In addition, under section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 the Town Council has extensive crime prevention powers to install or maintain equipment or establish a scheme for the detection and prevention of crime in its parish.

This is the power which authorises the funding of CCTV, but it can also be used in many other ways, including to fund or employ staff to patrol where required. As the Town Council has agreed separate budget for a renewed CCTV system I have focussed on looking into other options.

One option would be to employ our own staff with some crime enforcement powers. This would have the advantage of direct control, however there would be significant implications in terms of administrative support required, Health and Safety, and taking cases to court if fines were unpaid. Other options which could be considered include funding suitable staff through an existing organisation:

- A Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- An additional Community Response Officer
- Additional Street Wardens from the BID

I am opening exploratory discussions with the BID and North Somerset Council to look into the feasibility of a service being commissioned through one of them. Reassurance will be needed that the PCSO or Community Response Officer would not be lost into general Policing or organisational duties and that any service will be additional to the current baseline.

In the case of Street Wardens the BID currently only patrols a strictly defined Town Centre area funded by business rates so the Town Council's Street Wardens could be focussed on other areas of town such as shopping parades and areas of concern in Worle, Milton, Whitecross Road, Bournville or Heywood Village Uphill.

Any options which become viable will be reported back to the next meeting of the Committee for members to decide upon.

#### **Recommendation**

Members instructions are requested on what options they would like discussions to focus upon, for future exploration and report back.

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Town Clerk  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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**Subject:** Naming of New Road, Planning Application 19/P/0413/FUL

Dear Town Clerk,

I wanted to make you aware that we have been asked to allocate addresses to the properties which are being constructed as per planning permission 19/P/0413/FUL.

I attach a plan which outlines the development, however further documents can be found at the link below

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning/commenting-on-applications/lookatplanningapplications/>

A notice advertising the proposed name of 'Oterhampton Gardens' will be displayed at the entrance to the site tomorrow. 'Oterhampton' has been taken from Weston-super-Mare Town Council's approved list of former rectors of St John's Parish Church. This list was also used to name the surrounding roads of Birkbeck Chase, De Salis Park, Buckle Path, Thompson Way etc.

The site notice will be displayed for 21 days after which point, if there are no objections to the name the addresses will be allocated using this street name. I will copy the Town Council into the email which confirms the addresses.

Please let me know if you have any queries about this.

Regards

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