



The purpose of this paper is to ask Members to consider and respond to a proposal from the Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces for funding an additional Environment Officer post.

No. DETAIL

1) CONTEXT

- a) The request to Town and Parish Council's to consider jointly funding one Environment Officer post is included in the letter from the Isle of Council's Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces Strategic Manager, Alex Minns following the decision of the Isle of Wight Council to cut the numbers of posts in the Environment Officer team from the current 7.5 to 3.5.
- b) A matrix attached to the letter shows the range of services by the team that will be lost when that happens.

2) PROPOSAL

- a) The matrix also shows those services due to be lost that could be retained if Town and Parish Councils agree to fund an additional post to increase the team's establishment to 4.5.
- b) The proposal is that this is funded by contributions of 40 pence per head of population for parishes with more than 5,000 people and 30 pence per head for those with fewer residents.
- c) The cost to Ventnor Town Council, shown on the matrix with a population of 5,976 would be £2,390.40pa

3) PUBLIC BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP

- a) The Public Buildings Working Group considered the proposal matter in more detail at its meeting of 7 October and noted the information supplied by the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWLAC) listing a number of town and parish councils that had already determined not to support it.
- b) It was agreed that the additional service available in the town would be both minimal and outside of the Town Council's control.

4) RECOMMENDATION

The Public Buildings Working Group recommends the Town Council not to support the proposal to part fund an additional Environment Officer post.

OPTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER SERVICE

Service area	(85)	(86)	(87)
	Current role (7.5 fte)	Role with 3.5 fte	With aid of town and parish councils (4.5 fte)
Dog Warden services	Picking up secured stray dogs	Picking up secured stray dogs	Picking up secured stray dogs
	Returning dogs to owners	Returning dogs to owners	Returning dogs to owners
	Micro chipping	Micro chipping	Micro chipping
	Dog Orders	Dog Orders	Dog Orders
	Advice to owners and other agencies	Advice to owners and other agencies	Advice to owners and other agencies
	Work closely with other agencies (police and RSPCA)	Work closely with other agencies (police and RSPCA)	Work closely with other agencies (police and RSPCA)
Beach inspections	Checking all lifebelts and emergency phones	Checking all lifebelts and emergency phones	Checking all lifebelts and emergency phones
	Inspecting beach cleaning	Inspecting beach cleaning	Inspecting beach cleaning
	Inspecting slipways	Inspecting slipways	Inspecting slipways
	General health and safety of beach areas	General health and safety of beach areas	General health and safety of beach areas
Play areas	Check all play equipment in IWC-maintained play parks for defects or health and safety issues	Check all play equipment in IWC-maintained play parks for defects or health and safety issues	Check all play equipment in IWC-maintained play parks for defects or health and safety issues
	Undertake minor maintenance	Undertake minor maintenance	Undertake minor maintenance
	Check areas on behalf of town and parish councils	Check areas on behalf of town and parish councils	Check areas on behalf of town and parish councils
Cemeteries	Check headstones and cemeteries for health and safety issues	Check headstones and cemeteries for health and safety issues	Check headstones and cemeteries for health and safety issues
	Check graves are correctly dug and correct measurements	Check graves are correctly dug and correct measurements	Check graves are correctly dug and correct measurements
	General support for Bereavement Services	General support for Bereavement Services	General support for Bereavement Services
Public convenience inspections	Inspect and check the cleanliness of all IWC public toilets	Inspect and check the cleanliness of all IWC public toilets	Inspect and check the cleanliness of all IWC public toilets
	Issue rectifications and defaults if below standard	Issue rectifications and defaults if below standard	Issue rectifications and defaults if below standard
	Check for any health and safety issues	Check for any health and safety issues	Check for any health and safety issues
Domestic and commercial waste issues	Monitoring of domestic waste management	Monitoring of domestic waste management	Monitoring of domestic waste management
	Liaise with Island Waste on any issues	Liaise with Island Waste on any issues	Liaise with Island Waste on any issues
	Check businesses for correct waste disposal documentation	Check businesses for correct waste disposal documentation	Check businesses for correct waste disposal documentation
	Issue letters and notices when required for waste out on wrong days or times	Issue letters and notices when required for waste out on wrong days or times	Issue letters and notices when required for waste out on wrong days or times
Community engagement	Education, including school visits	Education, including school visits	Education, including school visits
	Restorative justice	Restorative justice	Restorative justice
	Targeted patrols throughout the island	Targeted patrols throughout the island	Targeted patrols throughout the island
	Support for major events	Support for major events	Support for major events
Enforcement	Support for Emergency Management (for example, Undercliff emergency evacuation)	Support for Emergency Management (for example, Undercliff emergency evacuation)	Support for Emergency Management (for example, Undercliff emergency evacuation)
	Dog fouling issues and investigation	Dog fouling issues and investigation	Dog fouling issues and investigation
	Initial fly-tipping investigation	Initial fly-tipping investigation	Initial fly-tipping investigation
	Issued fixed penalty notices for :	Issued fixed penalty notices for :	Issued fixed penalty notices for :
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling • Dogs off leads • Dogs on beaches • Littering • Graffiti • Commercial waste containment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling • Dogs off leads • Dogs on beaches • Littering • Graffiti • Commercial waste containment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling • Dogs off leads • Dogs on beaches • Littering • Graffiti • Commercial waste containment

Proposal	There is a shortfall of £50,000 to deliver Option 3 of the Environment Officer service. The proposed structure (4.5 fte) could be funded by :				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40p per head of population from those towns with a population of over 5,000 • 30p per head of population from those towns with a population of less than 5,000 				
	Ventnor Town Council	Population	5976	x 40p per head of population	£2390.40

Ventnor Town Council wishes to					
a)	Accept the recommendation to contribute towards the Environment Officer service	<input type="checkbox"/>	b)	Not to contribute to the service, recognising the effect of the cessation of the services in our locality	<input type="checkbox"/>