

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Street Wardens
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Section 1: Background Information

1.	What is the proposal / issue? The proposal is to reduce the Street Wardens budget by £22k resulting in the reduction of 1 Street Warden Post. There are currently 4 street warden posts – two are temporary posts which are currently vacant and two are permanent posts which are currently filled. The two vacant posts will be deleted. Of the two filled posts one will be removed and the remaining post will be transferred into the Community safety Operation Team to assist in demand management. This therefore means that we will no longer have a dedicated Street Warden service. The Street Warden Service is not a statutory function of the Council.
2.	What is the current situation? There are currently four Street Warden Posts. Two posts are funded from base budget and two posts received transitional funding for 12 months following last year's budget discussions – this funding ceases in March 2017. The two permanent posts are filled and the two temporary posts have been vacant since summer 2016. Currently the service is operating with one Warden covering the Torquay Town Centre areas, and the other warden providing a reduced service across the Wardens of Foxhole, Watcombe and Hele. These areas have traditionally had street wardens due to their levels of need and deprivation compared to the rest of Torbay.
3.	What options have been considered? The Street Warden service has been reducing over a number of years. As a discretionary service of the council it has been discussed as part of numerous budgets, most recently the February 2016 budget. Options for sustainability of this service with funding from other sources has been considered and discounted in previous years as no viable source of long term funding has been identified.

4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce demand through prevention and innovation <p>Targeted actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring Torbay remains an attractive and safe place to live and visit • Protecting and supporting vulnerable adults
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>This proposal will affect all those living and working in the Wards of Tormohun (Town Centre), Watcombe, Foxhole and Hele and the Street Warden Team. The wider range of partners including the police and other services operating in the localities will also be affected.</p>
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>The consultation will include specific key partner/stakeholder consultation. This proposal will also be consulted upon as part of the wider budget setting process – questionnaires will be made available online and paper copies will be provided.</p>
<p>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p>	
7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>The Street Wardens are a discretionary service of the council, and therefore there are no legal implications in ceasing the service.</p>
8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reputational damage to the Council • Areas of deprivation not receiving an enhanced service • Increasing antisocial behaviour in some areas • Reduction in intelligence about vulnerability and other areas of concern from localities