

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Street Wardens
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The proposal is to cease the delivery of the Street Warden Service. It is proposed to reduce the Street Wardens budget by £22k resulting in the reduction of 1 Street Warden Post. There are currently four street warden posts, two are temporary posts which are currently vacant and two are permanent posts which are currently filled.</p> <p>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 the Council will no longer provide a dedicated Street Warden service.</p> <p>The Street Warden Service is not a statutory function of the Council.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Currently the service is operating with one Warden covering Torquay Town Centre areas, and the other warden providing a reduced service across the wards 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.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	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>
Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment	
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

9.	<p>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</p> <p>N/A</p>															
10.	<p>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</p> <p>The proposal was developed using demand data for services within the Street Wardens remit and the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.</p>															
11.	<p>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</p> <p>Consultation from the overall public consultation undertaken supports the reduction in the scheme. There have been no adverse comments received from partners in respect of the proposal.</p> <p>Feedback from general budget consultation is shown below.</p> <p>Q24) Street Wardens:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="563 965 1189 1232"> <thead> <tr> <th>Do you support this proposal?</th> <th>Number</th> <th>Percent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>227</td> <td>54.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>163</td> <td>39.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No answer</td> <td>27</td> <td>6.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>417</td> <td>100.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Do you support this proposal?	Number	Percent	Yes	227	54.4%	No	163	39.1%	No answer	27	6.5%	Total	417	100.0%
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12.	<p>Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions</p> <p>None</p>															

Equality Impacts

13	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
	Older or younger people		The Street Wardens help both older and younger people feel safe around the Town Centre and in the wards mentioned above. A reduction in this service could potentially mean that older and younger people feel less safe in their communities.	
	People with caring Responsibilities	No differential impact		
	People with a disability	No differential impact		
	Women or men	No differential impact		
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>	No differential impact		
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	No differential impact		
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	No differential impact		
	People who are transgendered	No differential impact		
	People who are in a	No differential impact.		

	marriage or civil partnership		
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	No differential impact	
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)		The Wards affected will be those in areas of highest deprivation.
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)		This is the loss of a service to the population in the most deprived wards in Torbay and could have a negative impact on public health outcomes.
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None identified	
15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None identified	