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REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	2 nd OCTOBER 2019
SUBJECT:	UPDATE ON BTAC OPERATIVES ACTIVITY
REPORT AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members review and comment on the information presented in the report.

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Members on the work undertaken by the BTAC Operatives.

REPORT

The BTAC Operatives consists of one post jointly funded with the Borough (30% contribution from BTAC) and two posts entirely funded by BTAC.

Through the Service Level Agreement with Boston Big Local (BBL) some funding has been provided to tackle cigarette litter and Chewing Gum, using the Chewing Gum removal machine and the Street Vacuum within the BBL area.

From April 2019 one member of the team has been off ill, he has now undergone surgery and is expected to return to work on the 16TH September 2019.

WORK PROGRAMME

Dealing with Vandalism and Graffiti

The operatives have dealt with a number of jobs relating to vandalism these include:- Central Park fencing (broken twice in the last month), broken bins, burnt out bins (2), seating and tables set on fire in Witham Way Country Park.

They have also dealt with 15 incidences of Graffiti.

Assisting with events

Pirate and Princess Day
Music Festival
Craft Market set up (every Thursday)
Outdoor Cinema
Active Boston

New bin installation and refurbishment programme

- A further 20 new bins with ashtrays for cigarette ends have been installed around Ingram Memorial, Church Close, Carlton Road, High Street, Lister Way, Emery Lane and at the side of the Salvation Army since the beginning of August.
- Refurbished (rubbed down, repaired, undercoated and top coated) a further 6 Cast Iron Bins. Most of these have been installed along Witham Bank and 2 in areas where there has previously been plastic bins that have been repeatedly vandalised or broken.
- There are still seven cast bins left that are still waiting to be restored.

Weed spraying

- The operatives have continued with the weed spraying programme at:-
- Lawrence Lane
 - Stonebow Lane
 - Emery Lane
 - Town Bridge
 - Rosegarth Street
 - West Street
 - St Georges Road
 - Wide Bargate

Ongoing Public Realm Improvement Projects

- The operatives continue to be involved in a number of Boston in Bloom horticultural projects including B&M Site, Urban Meadow, Doughty Quay and Crown House Footpath.
- Removing detritus and weeds from various locations including Crown House Footpath Area, Bus Station, Town Centre, Cattle Market, and some car parks.
- Chewing Gum removal Town Bridge, Emery Lane and some areas on West Street.
- Street vacuuming targeting cigarette ends specifically

Reactive Maintenance

- Fence, seating and bin repairs
- Brickwork repairs Witham Way Country Park
- Replace/refit uneven paving slabs (various locations)
- Repairing/replacing metal bollards At Wide Bargate

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

None – Report for information only

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None – Report for information only

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None – Report for information only

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None – Report for information only

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

No consultation undertaken.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX 1

Examples of the work completed

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council