

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Environment Committee

28th May 2024

Decision Report

Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVE to agree: The Memorandum Of Understanding shown in the appendix be accepted for 2024/25.

Ward

All

Risk Management

There is budget provision to provide the enhanced service provided by Northumberland County Council.

Objective

Maintaining the environment (objective subject to review).

Report

Members are aware that the partnership agreement ended on 31st March 2024. During the past year a different approach has been trialled that put the emphasis on a more impressive look to the town's gateways by maintaining the grass areas more regularly. It was hoped that this trial could form the basis of a new long-term agreement. Unfortunately, the trial was plagued by various problems, and it became obvious that more time was needed to bed in the new approach and test it out further. Discussions have been ongoing with the County Council, and it is felt the trial should continue during 2024/25 and be monitored so a conclusion can be reached on a longer-term arrangement towards the end of the grass cutting season if the Council is satisfied with the performance during the trial.

A Memorandum of Understanding has therefore been proposed for 2024/25 and it is included as an appendix.

Joseph Hughes
Town Clerk

15 May 2024