

Report of Town Clerk

Coastal Litter Prevention

Background

1. Council has previously received presentations and reports on the work of Coastcare and their Berwick based volunteers on beach cleanups.
2. Members will doubtless also remember the strong reactions received during the Local Services survey on perceptions of litter in Berwick upon Tweed.
3. The work being undertaken by volunteers is having a significant impact on the beach, but the work is physically tiring for individuals, and requires support, both with the supply of tools and consumables, and in the recruitment of additional volunteers to lessen the burden on the existing pool of hard working individuals.
4. The range of tools the volunteers require is not extensive nor expensive; the issue is litter pickers, black bags and gloves wear out or become full. Even notice boards or litter picking stations on each beach area are not hugely expensive.
5. Your officers will also be co-operating with the local volunteers, NCC and national organizations such as the Tidy Britain group on the great British Springclean in early March, and other ongoing campaigns.
6. No budgetary provision has currently been made for this work, but council is invited to consider whether it would wish such work to be funded from any underspends or surplus reserves that may be identified within this financial year.

Recommendations

1. Council is recommended to resolve to delegate to the Budget and Administration Committee power to make one virement, of up to £3000, from in year underspends or reserves to a new budget heading for litter prevention,
2. Subject to the budget heading existing as a result of recommendation 1 being adopted, to delegate authority to the Local Services Committee to acquire items of equipment such as notice boards or litter picking stations up to a total per individual item of £750, and to make micro grants of up to £250 to volunteer organizations to support their work on litter picking, and
3. To nominate a member to serve as Litter Prevention Champion, who will liaise closely with the various groups and report back to council.

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Asset Tagging

Background

1. Members indicated that they wished to receive further advice about the tagging of assets, and how it might be achieved.
2. Your officers have identified a supplier who could act as a 'one stop shop' for the different types of asset tags required -
 - a. Aluminium labels <https://www.labelsonline.co.uk/asset-labels/aluminium-asset-labels> for seats, bins and shelters- £30 per 100 or £150 with Berwick Town Council on,
 - b. Vinyl self adhesive <https://www.labelsonline.co.uk/vinyl-asset-labels-40x20mm-au1058> £20 per 100 for 200 for use on other assets and in conjunction with tags below, and
 - c. Loop through tag <https://www.labelsonline.co.uk/blank-labels-and-tags&Sort=3> £21 per 100 for 200 white, £25 for colour. For fixing tags to things like lights.
 - d. For numbering, I would suggest we allocate ranges of numbers to particular assets eg 100-400 seats, 1-50 bus shelters etc.
3. All of these costs are reasonable, and the manufacturer offers the opportunity for labels to be customized with our logo. If members think these prices reasonable, then further market testing will take place to ensure value for money is achieved.

Recommendation

1. That members indicate their views as to the proposed style of labels.