

DAMAGE TO BENCH

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| To advise committee of an incident of criminal damage to a bench. | | |
| Recommendation: | | |
| 1. Committee is recommended to note the report. | | |
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| | Yes | No |
| Does the decision involve new expenditure? | | No |
| Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code) | N/A | |
| What procurement level is required? | N/A | |
| Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required? | | No |
| Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.) | N/A | |
| Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below). | | No |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We received a report via social media containing pictures of a damaged bench in Spittal. 2. Upon review of the damage the Wardens advised us that it could only have been caused by vandalism, probably involving an old fairground ride car that was left close to the bench. This was then reported to Northumbria Police. 3. We received a call back on the 25/01/2023 to discuss the incident. PC Darren Robson advised us that they will contact the amusement arcade regarding any CCTV they may have and also in reference to the equipment that was used to cause the damage, ensuring that adequate storage is being used for their equipment. 4. Northumbria Police currently have an operation in process to address anti-social behaviour and are carrying out regular foot patrols in the above affected area. PC Robson will feedback the issue to the team involved and update us with any future changes that may be more likely to deter anti-social behaviour. | | |
| Issues arising from proposal. | | |
| None. | | |
| Rationale for recommendation. | | |
| Not applicable. | | |