

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

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<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>			<b>Congleton Town Hall</b>																																																																																																																																										
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Chief Officer</b>																																																																																																																																														
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<b>Update</b>	<p><b><u>Streetscape Contract</u></b></p> <p>The current Streetscape Contract runs through to April 2027. We have entered into negotiations for an extension to that contract. With devolution being a subject Cheshire East is exploring, the reality is that more services will be passed down to Town and Parish Councils. For efficiency and environmental benefits, investment into new vehicles and equipment is key. When investing, there will be either finance agreements, leases or capital investment required. To enable this to happen, we need to seek a significantly longer contract than we currently have. This is to advise committee members that we are entering into dialogue with Cheshire East Council on this matter.</p> <p><b><u>Fly Tipping</u></b></p> <p>As well as noting the quantity of fly tips per month and annually, we are now calculating the cost for each specific fly tip over the course of a year. Below you will note the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last year (2025), in comparison to previous years:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022</th> <th>2023</th> <th>2024</th> <th>2025</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Jan</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>16</td><td>30</td><td>20</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb</td><td>10</td><td>2</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>25</td><td>7</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Mar</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>32</td><td>24</td><td>14</td><td>8</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>19</td><td>10</td><td>19</td><td>24</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td>5</td><td>40</td><td>22</td><td>11</td><td>11</td><td>24</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>June</td><td>4</td><td>22</td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>26</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>July</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td>0</td><td>13</td><td>9</td><td>19</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug</td><td>5</td><td>18</td><td>10</td><td>26</td><td>19</td><td>18</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>14</td><td>23</td><td>13</td><td>9</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td>17</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>17</td><td>25</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>30</td><td>15</td><td>22</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>70</td><td>136</td><td>150</td><td>205</td><td>206</td><td>194</td><td>182</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Total Cost</td><td>£2324.16</td><td>£5380.52</td><td>£2481.45</td><td>£12,300.87</td><td>£ 15,360.76</td><td>£ 13,077.18</td><td>£11,834.74</td></tr> </tbody> </table>								2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan	4	4	4	16	30	20	17	Feb	10	2	10	11	25	7	5	Mar	4	0	32	24	14	8	7	Apr	10	12	19	10	19	24	14	May	5	40	22	11	11	24	20	June	4	22	2	8	26	20	21	July	8	21	0	13	9	19	23	Aug	5	18	10	26	19	18	22	Sept	6	6	14	23	13	9	14	Oct	5	3	10	8	21	17	13	Nov	4	4	17	25	4	6	10	Dec	5	4	10	30	15	22	6									Total	70	136	150	205	206	194	182									Total Cost	£2324.16	£5380.52	£2481.45	£12,300.87	£ 15,360.76	£ 13,077.18	£11,834.74
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	<p><b><u>Grit</u></b></p> <p>Following direction from Cheshire East Council we are having to work independently with regards to grit so will be ordering a pallet of bagged grit for emergencies</p> <p><b><u>Vehicle Graphics</u></b></p> <p>Should start to appear on the Streetscape Vans to help promote the work of the Council. The graphics have been ordered and will show the Town Crest, the name of the Town Council and be fitted during February 2026</p> <p><b><u>Members of the Streetscape team in work</u></b></p> <p>All staff are currently working – no long-term sick, one awaiting knee operation, we have seen absence across the go up due to winter flu virus during January.</p> <p>Approval has been given via the budget setting process to recruit 2 additional members of staff, 1 x Countryside Ranger and 1 x Flexi Streetscape operative both due to commence employment in the spring</p> <p><b><u>Litter Bin Replacement Plan</u></b></p> <div data-bbox="370 990 675 1290" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>We are looking to replace worn out and rotten bins across the town and have a standard covered litter bin that can accept bagged dog waste and general litter, also investigate options for recycling cans or similar in the main street.</p> <p><b><u>External works</u></b></p> <p>Contract agreed with Astbury Mere Trust, currently working with Holmes Chapel, Somerford PC and Astbury PC</p>
<p><b>Financial Considerations</b></p>	<p>Concerns over the financial impact of fly-tipping, as well as a probable increase in highway weed control on the streetscape budget lines. Ensuring that external contracts are cost-beneficial to the council.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Considerations</b></p>	<p>Consideration to be given to areas to be weed-sprayed and the specific type of chemicals used.</p>
<p><b>Equality Considerations</b></p>	<p>Where we undertake new, existing projects or activities, we will need to engage all sectors of the community, and we will look to ensure full inclusivity.</p>
<p><b>Decision Requested</b></p>	<p>To receive the report.</p>