

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	2 nd April 2026 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Doug Christie, Streetscape Development Manager		
Agenda item & Report Title	9 Streetscape update		
UPDATE	<p><u>Streetscape Contract</u></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 in 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>A meeting with relevant CEC officers has taken place, and it was agreed to work collectively to develop a new SLA with our requirements included. There is no clarity at this point on whether the decision will be delegated or elevated to the Council.</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping</u> (see Appendix 1)</p> <p>As well as noting the quantity of fly tips per month and annually, we are also calculating the cost for each specific fly tip over the course of a year. Within Appendix 1, you will note the number of fly tips we have dealt with since 2019, which is the year of the Closure of the Congleton Household Waste Disposal site</p> <p><u>Vehicle Graphics</u></p> <p>All collection vehicles now have CTC logos on them.</p> <p><u>Members of the Streetscape team at work and new recruits.</u></p> <p>We have had a small spike in attendance with 2 operatives who are expected back in work within the next 2/3 weeks. Still one operative awaiting a knee operation, but is still working.</p> <p>We have completed interviews for both posts previously approved, and the current situation is as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Streetscape Flexi Operative – An excellent operative was interviewed and has been offered the role and has agreed to the position, subject to contract. The expected start date is towards the end of April.		

2. We have appointed an experienced Countryside Ranger, Andy Stubbs, who starts on Monday, 30th March.

I am sure both will be excellent additions to our team.

Litter Bin Replacement Plan



We are hoping to start replacing some of the worn-out and rotten bins across the town with a standard covered litter bin that can accept bagged dog waste and general litter, subject to available budget. We will continue to investigate options for recycling cans or similar on the main street.

Training Matrix

A new enhanced training matrix will be developed following Streetscape operatives' appraisals in early April. This information will be provided at the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

Quad Bike Weed Spraying

Formal training is due to commence for users of the quad bike. We anticipate commencing spraying during April with both the quad bike and on-foot spraying.

Any significant operational Issues

None of note.

Finance	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.
Environmental	Consideration should be given to areas to be weed-sprayed and the specific type of chemicals used.
Equality	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.
PROPOSAL :	To receive the Streetscape Update.

Appendix 1. Congleton FLY Tipping Data

	2019 *	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
January	4	4	4	16	30	20	17	12		
February	10	2	10	11	25	7	5	16		
March	4	0	32	24	14	8	7 29	21 49		
April	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			
August	5	18	10	26	19	18	22			
September	6	6	14	23	13	9	14			
October	5	3	10	8	21	17	13			
November	4	4	17	25	4	6	10			
December	5	4	10	30	15	22	6			
Total	70	136	150	205	206	194	182	49		
Cost £	2324.16	5380.52	2481.45	12,300.87	15,360.76	13,077.18	11,834.74	3202.15		

2019* Closure of the Congleton Household Waste Disposal site