

APPENDIX 1

Union Comments

Unison

Based on the planning fee income to offset the increased workload then an appointment of a new planning officer makes sound sense as we do not want existing staff overworked and stressed and potentially leading to time off through sickness.

My only concern, is based on the current vacancies that you have is and whether you will be able to appoint to the new post(s). I noticed for instance that Gedling were advertising for a Planning Officer at a salary of £32,234 which surely makes it difficult for us to appoint people at £27,068. The LJCC agenda includes the new market supplement policy that may help you to increase Planning Officer pay so as to help with retention and future employment. The planning fee income may help to offset any increased costs to the council for this.

Unite

Unite supports the creation of this post to provide additional resource for an area seeing an increase in workloads.