

Report of the Chief Executive

Reopening High Streets Safely Fund.1. Purpose of report

To update members of the Committee on The Reopening High Streets Safely Fund and the proposed actions.

2. Background

The government announced on 29 May Broxtowe Borough Council would be allocated £101,458 for the reopening of high streets safely. This funding can be accessed for any initiatives linked to the funds criteria from 1 June.

The criteria in summary covers; supporting the development of an action plan, communications to the general public on safely accessing premises and navigating the wider public realm, developing business facing awareness campaigns and any temporary public realm changes. Any jobs roles created must be new posts, or overtime, this fund cannot be used to supplement existing staffing costs.

3: Proposal:

It is proposed that the following measures are implemented throughout all 4 town centres to both encourage customers back to these shopping areas and to outline that the Council is doing all it can to make these areas as safe as possible.

- Employ 2 Wardens for 6 months, full time Monday to Saturday. Wardens primarily to enforce social distancing and 'queue police'. Utilising the possibility of repurposing existing Council staff from elsewhere.
- Overtime for the town attendants – for early and Sunday morning cleaning. Replace all 'handled' bins.
- Covid branded high visibility jackets to be worn by staff.
- Existing cleaning increased on town centre benches.
- Deep cleansing all four town centres.
- Communications – employ extra communications resource to promote town centres and the measure above.

The Business Growth Manager is already in contact with other Economic Development teams across Nottinghamshire to ensure, where possible, a coordinated approach across the County.

4. Financial implications

All financial outlays will be reimbursed directly from the government.

Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to APPROVE the actions and allocate resources accordingly.

Background papers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/50-million-boost-to-support-the-recovery-of-our-high-streets>.

Appendix:

Ref'	Date	Action	Assigned to	Deadli ne	Priority	Compl etion date	Status
1	01/06/2020	Replace bins with handles on	Paul Wolverson			22/6/20	
2	01/06/2020	Review report from VIA and what spend is required	Matt Batterham			2/6/20	
3	01/06/2020	Recruit two wardens on a six month basis, to cover all 4 TCs. RD and MB to write job spec.	Matt Batterham & Ryan Dawson			8/6/20	
4	01/06/2020	Price up and arrange deep clean of all 4 TCs	Luke Cairney			8/6/20	
5	01/06/2020	Increase in comms work by current member of team increasing by one day to focus on work	Sarah Yates			1/6/20	
6	01/06/2020	Bench cleaning on a Sunday	Paul Wolverson			15/6/20	
7	01/06/2020	Investigate Covid 19 uniform/branded hi-vis jacket. Barrows to be branded too. Investigate branding on bins	Tim Crawford, Ryan Dawson			10/6/20	