

1.0 SUBJECT OF REPORT: to update the Council on the proposed ASB Officer role

2.0 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| a. | Policy | - | Yes |
| b. | Financial | - | Yes |
| c. | Legal | - | Yes |

3.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To provide the Council with an overview of the role of the Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker role
- The approach to determine the requirements of Redruth Town Council

4.0 REPORT

Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker Structure in Cornwall

Redruth

- Cornwall Council employ an Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker (Annabelle Lamy) who covers Redruth, St. Austell and Newquay.
- Annabelle Lamy is 100% funded by Cornwall Council and **does not** have a patrolling function.

Camborne

- The Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker for Camborne is funded by Cornwall Council, Camborne Town Council and the OPCC.
- The ASB Caseworker for Camborne has a patrolling function.
- Camborne have Street Marshalls funded by the Business Improvement District and have a patrolling function.

Truro

- The Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker for Truro is funded by Cornwall Council, Truro City Council and Truro Business Improvement District.
- The ASB Caseworker for Truro has a patrolling function.
- Truro have Rangers funded by the Business Improvement District and they have a patrolling function.

Patrolling

The patrolling element of the ASB Caseworkers is funded by partners such as Town Councils, Business Improvement Districts and the OPCC for Devon and Cornwall. This is undertaken as part of an SLA between Cornwall Council and other funders.

For example, the Camborne ASB Caseworker is employed (and part-funded) by Cornwall Council. The SLA is between Cornwall Council and Camborne Town Council with regards to the patrolling hours, where resources are targeted.

Should an ASB Caseworker be on holiday, on sick leave or cease employment, an ASB Caseworker from a neighbouring area will fill the position until the dedicated resource returns. This ensures continuity of delivery and visibility.

Employment Structure

All Cornwall Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworkers are directly employed by Cornwall Council and follow the ASB Crime and Policing Act of 2014 which provides the Police and Local Authorities the powers to use.

The posts are directly employed and Line Managed by Cornwall Council as this is the legal structure that enables the ASB Caseworkers, as a Local Authority Officer, to have the following powers:

- Community Protection Notice
- Acceptable Behaviour Contract
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- ASB1 and 2
- Civil Enforcement
- Criminal Injunctions
- Property Closures

The Police can undertake ASB1 directly, however, to pursue ASB2 and above this has to be done in conjunction with the Cornwall Council ASB Caseworker.

CSAS Accreditation

The ASB Caseworkers have the following powers under their CSAS Accreditation.

- Issue of fixed penalty notices
- Power to require giving of name and addresses
- Power to deal with begging
- Traffic management
- Power to seize drugs and alcohol
- Taking of professional witness statements
- Airwave radio
- PSPO enforcement

This structure, as part of the Community Safety Team networks the role into the Safer Partnership, Safer Towns, Community Area Partnership, Pubwatch and other local organisations. It also enables the role to collate witness statements, ASB warning letters in consultation with the council legal department and partners.

The role also acts as an advisory service giving specialist advice on anti-social behaviour, social care, health, schools, housing providers and the Probation Service.

5.0 Proposed next steps

That Redruth Town Council make contact with Natasha Nicholas, ASB Manager for Cornwall Council to determine the legal and appropriate way forward with regards to establishing an ASB Caseworker post for Redruth.

From initial research and conversations with Devon and Cornwall Police, Truro Rangers, Truro and Camborne Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworkers the only option to

recruit an ASB Caseworker for Redruth is for the post to be employed by Cornwall Council.

As with the existing arrangements in Cornwall, an SLA would exist between Cornwall Council and Redruth Town Council around patrolling requirements. All HR, training and associated management responsibility will lie with Cornwall Council.

Redruth Town Council is able to approach the OPCC with regards to any funding and support available.

6.0 **Recommendations**

- That the Council ascertain from Cornwall Council more detail on options for legal structures and arrangements in establishing an ASB Caseworker post in Redruth.
- To take into consideration the results from the Residents Survey and partner views around the patrolling element of the post.
- To consider earmarking an amount in the forthcoming budget round to enable the above to happen in the next financial year.

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