

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To receive updates on actions arising from the previous meeting

2. UPDATE

ROWIP consultation response

- 2.1 A draft response is currently being prepared.

Sale of TIC desk

- 2.2 There was no interest from any business in buying the desk. Therefore it was removed by Homemakers and they intend to use the desk in their premises

MCC Policy on Pest Control

- 2.3 A response has been received from MCC Environmental Health:

The 'paid for' Pest Control service, for rats, mice, cockroaches and bed bugs was withdrawn some years ago. Before the service was withdrawn MCC, through its' contractor P&P Pest Control, would have footed the bill for rat baiting, etc. at privately owned homes. On withdrawal of that service MCC has since advised individual householders they are responsible for their own control of any pests. Self-baiting would be discouraged, particularly in outside areas, and householders are therefore advised to contract a recognised company to undertake the work.

Environmental Health (EH) would sometimes intervene, if there's a 'communal issue' impacting on a number of properties. Sometimes, for example, this might involve contacting an organisation on behalf of residents, eg. Welsh Water to bait the public sewer. Often EH contact the landowner to remedy the problem where appropriate – another example would be Network Rail. If MCC land, eg. Bailey Park, then this Authority would look to resolve.

Regarding problems arising from feeding birds, MCC EH officers would liaise with the Town Council to investigate further and if appropriate agree a solution.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Report to be noted