

REPORT TO: Town Council – 28th February 2022
REPORT ON: Recommendations from Committees
REPORT BY: Responsible Finance Officer
REPORT DATE: 25th March 2022

Community Services Committee – 7th March 2022

No recommendations to report.

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Finance & Policy Committee – 14th March 2022

FP2203.4 POLICIES

RECOMMENDED	That the Small Grants Application Form, be approved.
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Following recommendations FP2203.6 and FP2203.7 to be considered under town Council Agenda Items

TC2203.6 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CHECK.

RECOMMENDED	That one Councillor from Full Council be appointed to review the quarter 4 / Year End Internal Financial Check, in partnership with Cllr Matthews and Cllr Arnold.
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TC2203.8 DRAFT PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION OWNERSHIP OF DOGS AND PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES.

RECOMMENDED	<p>That the Town Council is unable to support the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the ownership of dogs and prohibition of smoking in certain places, as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the format of the consultation was too leading and varied to enable any analysis of the data to be of benefit in the decision-making process and,(ii) the prohibitions will be difficult to enforce.
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Planning & Development Committee – 16th March 2022

No recommendations to report.

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REPORT TO: Town Council – 28th March 2022

REPORT ON: Public Spaces Protection Order – Recommendation from Finance & Policy

REPORT BY: Chief Officer

REPORT DATE: 25th March 2022

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) is considering whether to make a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to promote responsible dog ownership and prohibit smoking in certain public spaces across the former administrative council areas of Daventry District and South Northants. Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation: ownership of dogs and prohibition of smoking in certain places. - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space

The Town Council has raised awareness of this consultation to residents through its social media channels.

As per Town Council's resolution at its meeting on 28th February, the consultation was considered by the Finance and Policy Committee and a copy of the consultation questions sent to all members for information.

On referring to all the questions within the survey the Finance and Policy committee submit the following recommendation,

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council is unable to support the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the ownership of dogs and prohibition of smoking in certain places, as

- (i) the format of the consultation was too leading and varied to enable any analysis of the data to be of benefit in the decision making process and,**
- (ii) the prohibitions will be difficult to enforce.**

Feedback from the meeting of Daventry Transport Development Group stakeholder committee held on Wednesday 2nd March at 1 Angel Square, Northampton.

Committee structure and attending: Harry Burr (CEO Sustainable Transport Midlands), Owain O'Neill (STM), Phil Larratt (Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste WNC), Chris Wragg (Director for Transport WNC), Toby Rackliff (West Midlands Rail Executive), Fiona Thomas (Weedon Bec PC), Julie Hill (Long Buckby PC), William Barter (Assistant Cabinet Member for Rail WNC), **Wendy Randall (DTC) and John Tippett (DTC)**

Background: Harry is a 15-year-old that has a much older head on his shoulders. He lives locally to Daventry and believes he has identified a need to connect the town of Daventry to main rail stations. His project has created several options which he meticulously presented to the committee. His proposals have gained traction with WNC, West Midlands Rail Development and also our local MP's. Chris Heaton-Harris, as we know, was until recently, the Trains Minister so has a keen interest in this project and keen to open Government doors when the time is right.

So if anyone doubts the validity of this project it was clear that it has serious consideration and WNC are allocating funds for a professional Consultants review. Within the Introductions Harry stated that Daventry is the 5th largest growing Town by population in the UK at 15.2% year on year and a substantial growth is projected in the next 10-15 years. By 2040 the residency will have almost doubled. Daventry is one of a handful similar sized towns without direct train access and is poorly serviced with bad services to Long Buckby, Rugby or Northampton.

SNC commissioned a report on Carbon emissions in 2017 and it was established 68% came from existing transport. 81% of East Midland homes have 1 or more cars compared to London. WNC have signed to a Net Zero Carbon emissions by 2035 and a reduction in transport is essential.

Options: So following introductions Harry presented his targeted options. These included:

1. Shuttle style train on single track to Long Buckby. North via Watford or South via Weedon.
2. Rugby to Weedon Light rail – via Daventry Town and Daventry Industrial and possibly villages.
3. Heavy Rail (traditional Rail) via Bugbrooke and Weedon
4. Northampton to Daventry – either incorporating Hunsbury, Northampton Parkway, Bugbrooke, Weedon and Daventry Town OR Via Kingsthorpe, Duston, Weedon and into Daventry Town.
5. Bus based options from Daventry to a new station in Weedon or Long Buckby is possible but would need to be fully electric. There are significant issues with the current Bus operators.
6. Other options included a light tram style vehicle utilising road and linking Daventry and villages to Long Buckby or Weedon. A light rail linking Daventry to Banbury or Leamington Spa and via Southam and a possible train route via Dodford, Weedon and into Long Buckby.

Discussion: It was noted there are difficulties at Long Buckby with an un-natural tilt on the line and a restricted platform. Also noted there is no real synergy to trains arriving or departing with Buses going to or from Daventry or Weedon to the station and this was affecting jobs and travel time.

It was agreed that there has been no consultation as to what the public may need and there needs to be survey initially and a more in-depth consultation once a strategic proposal was formed.

Harry and Owain, along with West Midlands Rail, were going to identify similar towns to Daventry that were well connected and those with poor connectivity and see what differences could be gleaned from a comparison.

It was pointed out one or two options need to be the focus and fleshed out. This is to be agreed at the next committee meeting.

Action: Two points of action before that meeting are:

1. A survey of Daventry residents to get some thoughts as to what is needed. IE. In utopia what would they want from a Rail improvement. I said I would bring this to Council to see if and how we can help.
2. A draft action and objectives plan to establish a way forward. Harry and Owain would work on that and put a draft document to Committee members. Including the results of the above comparison

Meeting Format: It was felt that the Committee should be made up of existing personnel. I suggested DTC may like to provide an officer to sit on it too. They were ok with that but want consistency and not a constant switch of people.

There was discussion of where to hold a meeting and I did suggest DTC may be able to host a meeting in the future as the majority are Daventry based.

Summary: For me this project appears to have legs given the gravitas of personnel involved and WNC prepared to allocate funding for a consultant.

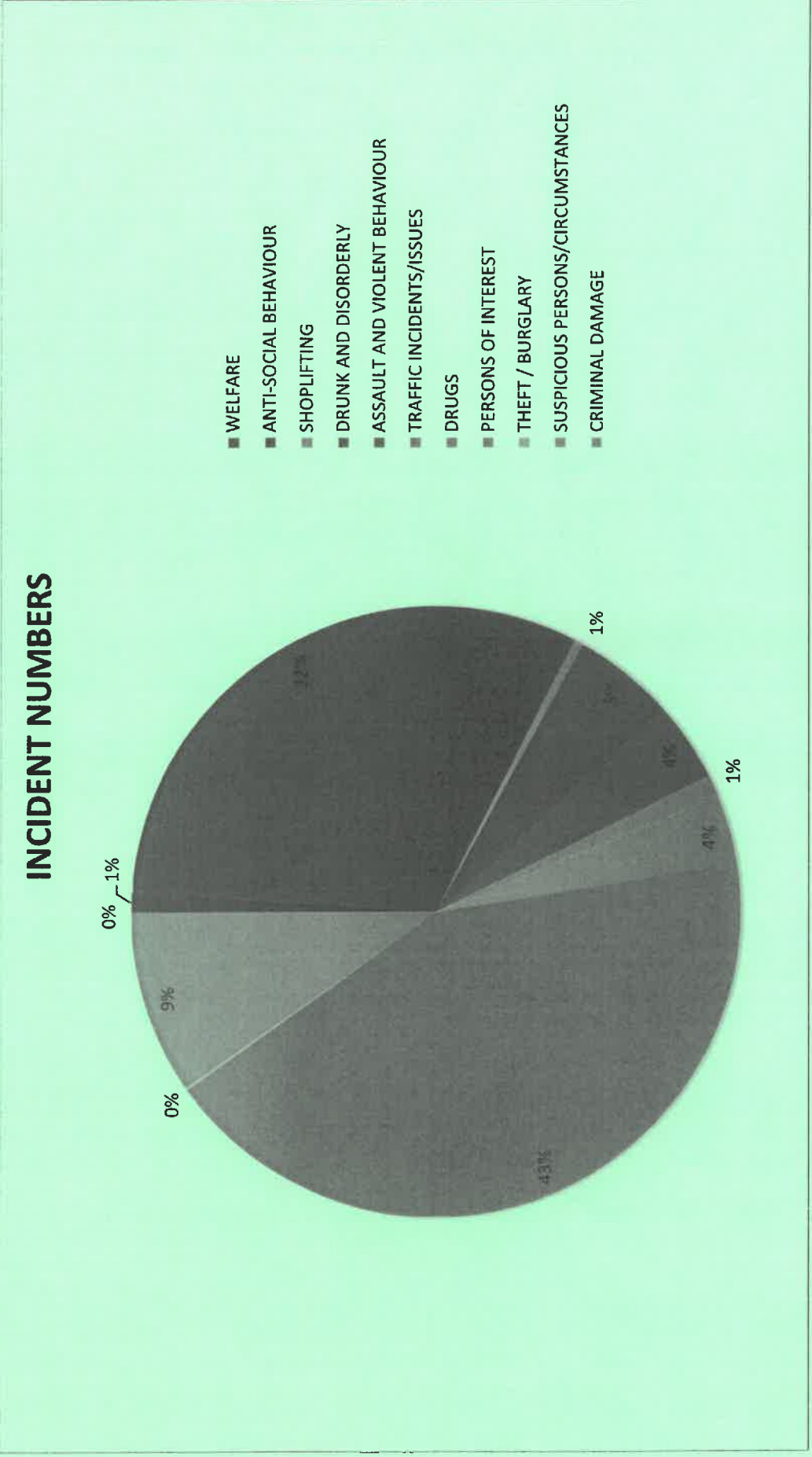
It will not be a quick fix and Toby suggested that from experience it could take 10 years to deliver a project of this scale and magnitude. This would then fit in with WNC declared intent to be zero carbon emissions by 2035.

Recommendation for DTC to consider:

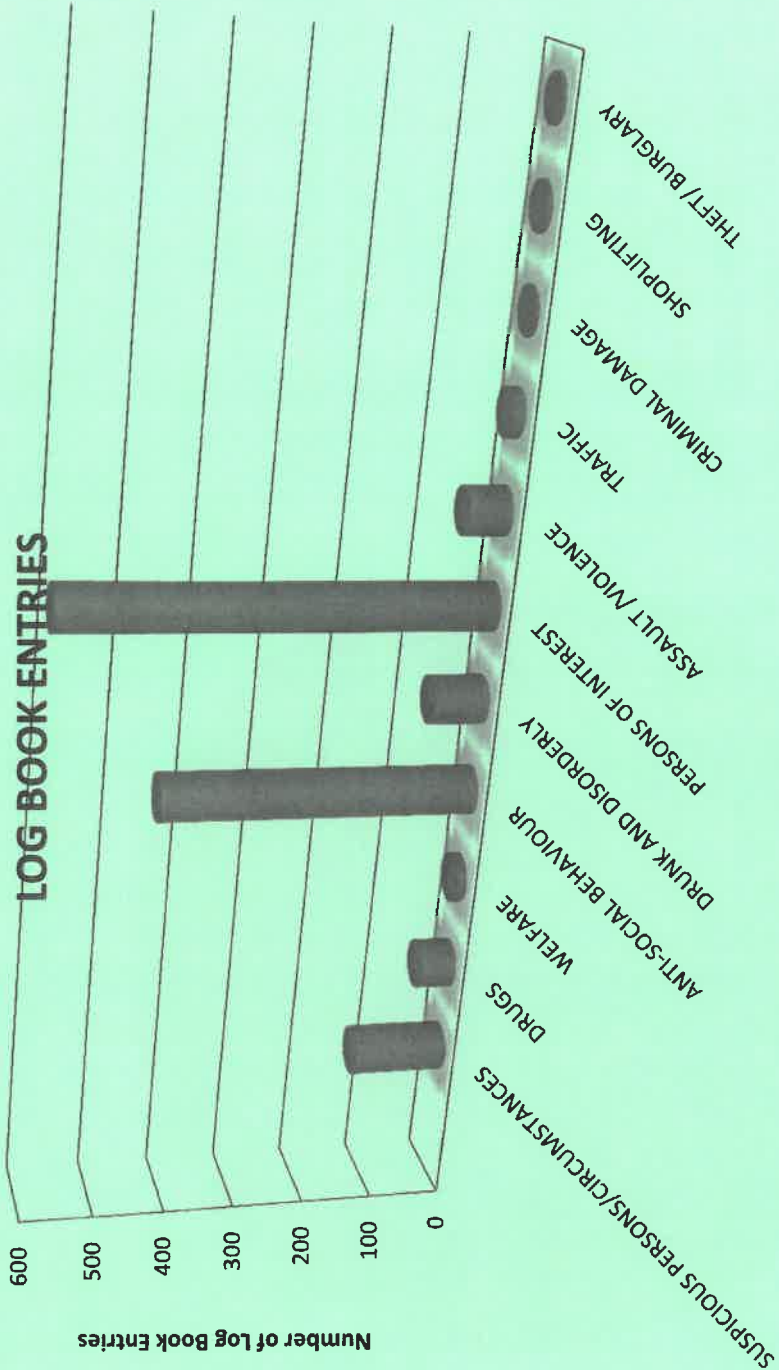
- A. I propose we establish a working Group on DTC made up of Wendy, John and a relevant officer or two and we all sit on the committee. DTC has to be part of this in my view as the focus is our townsfolk and businesses.
- B. To facilitate a light touch survey of residents and businesses to establish clarity on needs.

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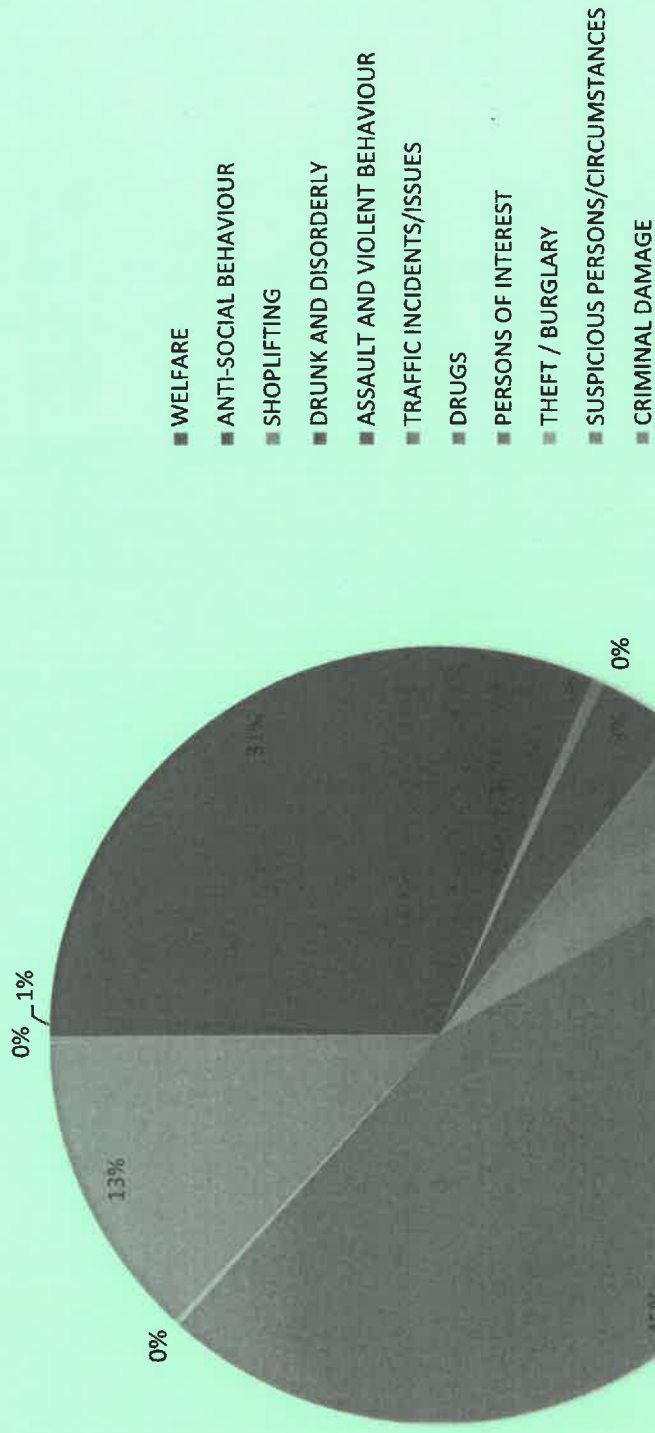


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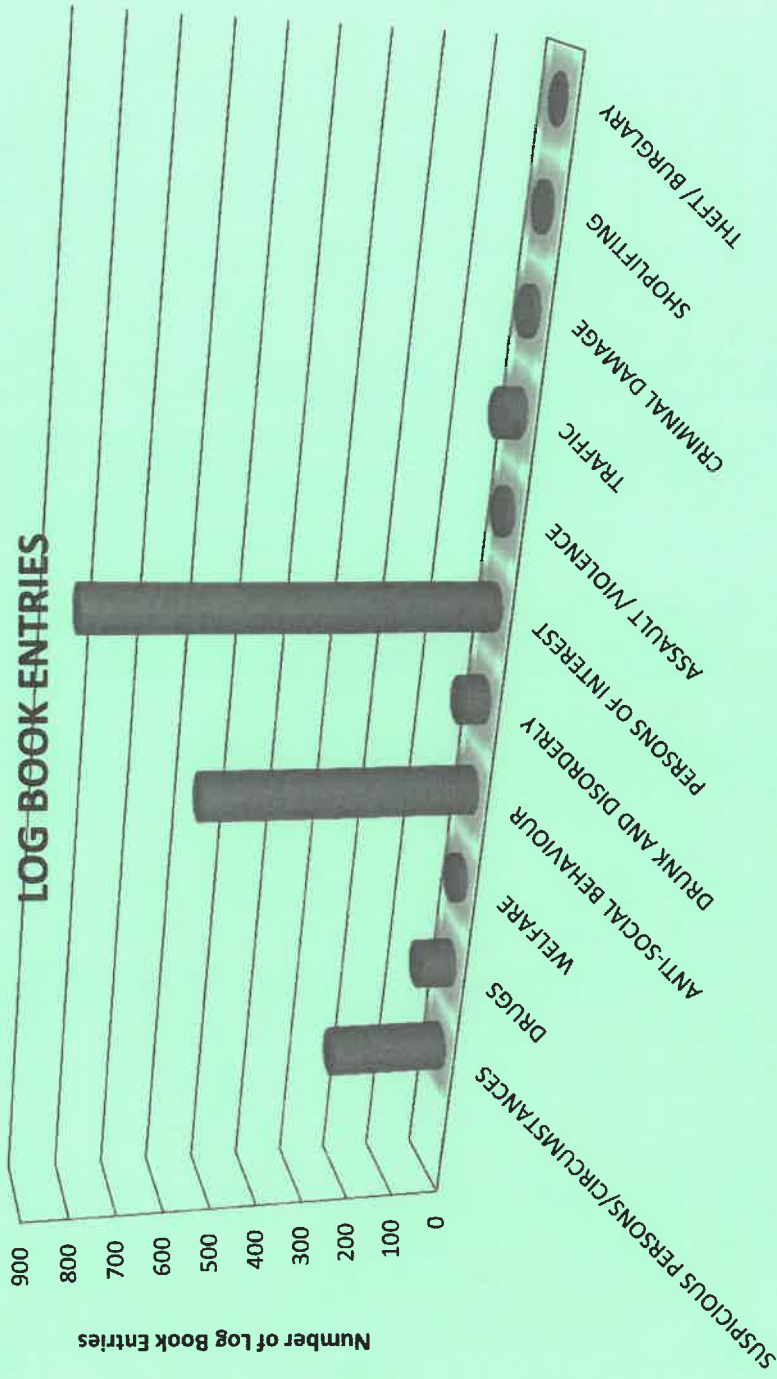
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