Northstowe Town Council May '21 – Mar '22 & Apr '22 – Mar '23

Situation:

- Town Council formed in May 2021.
- F/T Clerk started in August 2021 (taking over from P/T interim clerk).
- No changes in second year.

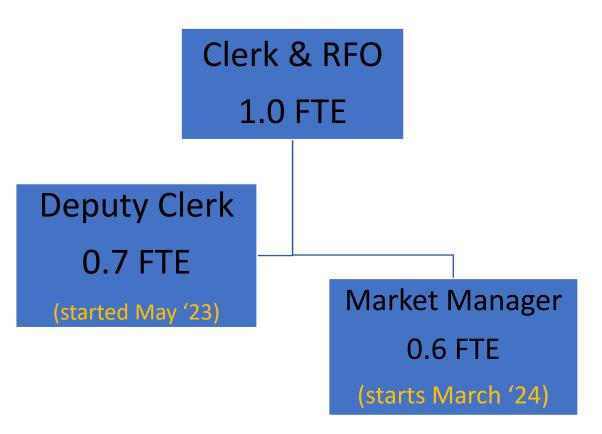
**Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer** (= 'Proper Officer') 1.0 FTE (started Aug '21)

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# Northstowe Town Council Apr '23 – Mar '24

Changes implemented:

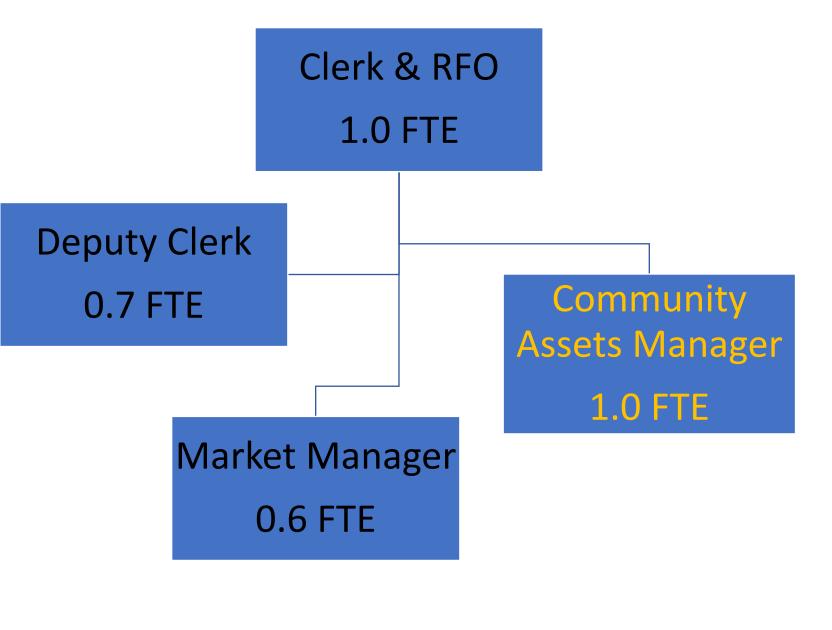
- **NEW ROLE Deputy Clerk** (P/T; 0.7 FTE): Additional member of staff attracted due to ongoing growth in workload.
- NEW ROLE Market Manager (P/T; 0.6 FTE): Following three indoor winter market events (Jan Mar '23) and weekly & monthly pilot markets delivered (Apr Oct '23), Council agreed to continue market for at least one further year Oct. '23 Full Council meeting. In-house Market Manager recruitment final approval Dec '23 Full Council meeting, to ensure sustainability and explore future market continuation and expansion opportunities. NB: as per Personnel Committee's recommendations (Sep. '23), desirable attributes for a future Engagement Officer role are built in the job specification, to keep open an option for both roles to be combined in the future.



### Northstowe Town Council Apr '24 – Mar '25

Proposed Changes:

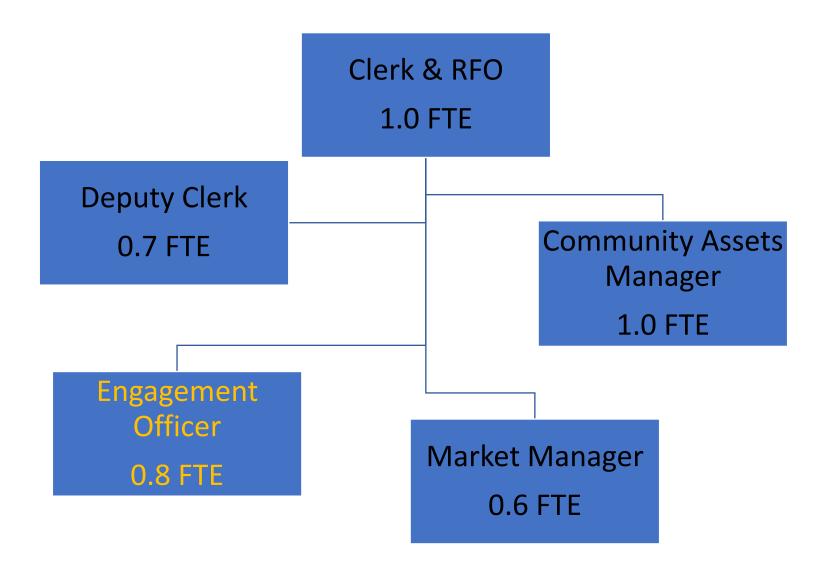
**NEW ROLE (Proposed)**: **Community Assets Manager F/T** (Start: Sep. '24) Two-year fixed contract initially, with intention to make permanent – to research & create Business and Delivery Plans for the Town Council to consider taking over management & maintenance of: Permanent Community Centre; Phase 1 Sports Pavilion & sports facilities; Green space management. Phase 1 Asset Transfer Opportunities Working Group is developing plans for this role. Costs included in agreed '24-'25 budget for start date Sep. '24, as approved - Dec. '23 Full Council meeting.



### Northstowe Town Council Apr '25 – Mar '26

Proposed Changes:

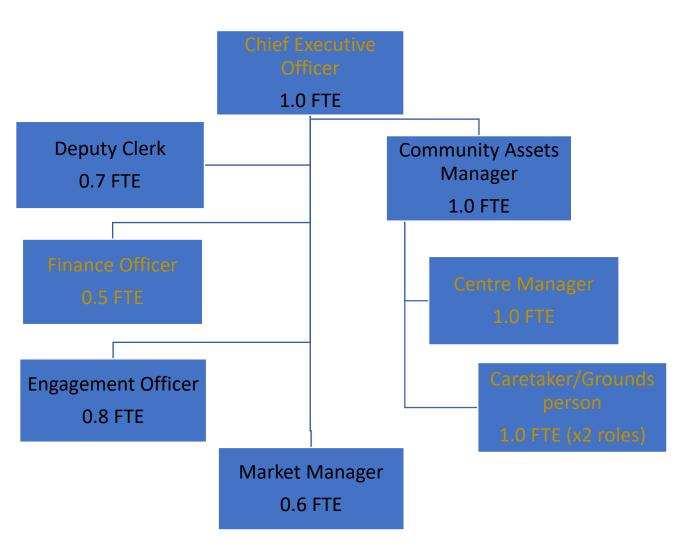
**NEW ROLE (Proposed)**: **Engagement Officer P/T (0.8 FTE**): New role to support engagement with the growing community (potential to be somehow combined with or reshaping Market Manager role? – see note on page for '23-'24 about this). Role also to support Clerk and Deputy Clerk in ongoing growth in office management and admin tasks and support for event management.



## Northstowe Town Council Apr '26 – Mar '27

Proposed Changes:

- NEW ROLES (Proposed): x1 Centre Manager F/T and 2 (P/T) Caretaker/ Grounds person roles to be created, to support the start of taking on facilities (NB: Permanent Community Centre to be opened in Spring '26 - TBC). NB: further roles may also be needed e.g. receptionist/admin support/cleaners – TBC.
- NEW ROLE (Proposed): Finance Officer
  P/T (0.5 FTE), dedicated role to support
  Clerk, Market Manager and Community
  Assets Manager with anticipated rapid
  growth in financial tasks, linked primarily
  to Asset Management uptake.
- (Proposed) Change Town Clerk & RFO job title to Chief Executive Officer, reflecting the shift in staff management responsibilities



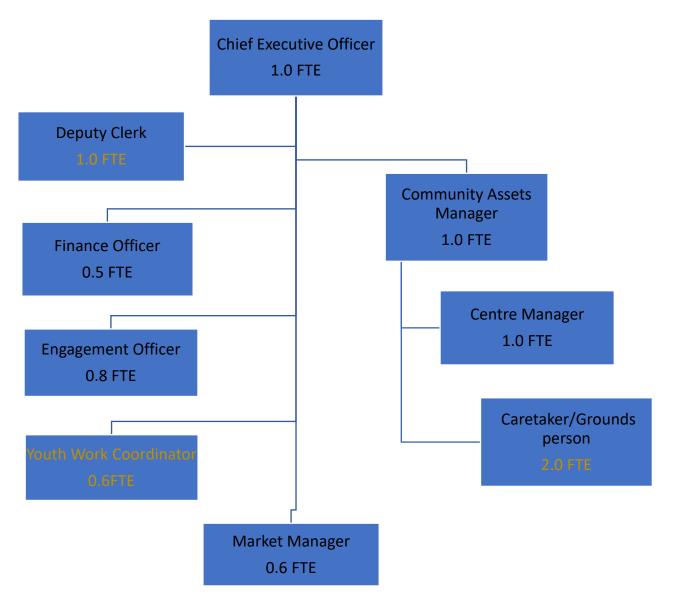
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### Northstowe Town Council Apr '27 – Mar '28

Proposed Changes:

- (Proposed): Expansion of Deputy Clerk to F/T position (potential for x2 P/T posts, where relevant), with ongoing growth in work.
- NEW ROLE (Proposed): Creation of Youth Work Coordinator P/T, to take on work done previously through Northstowe Youth Work Coordinator/Romsey Mil/Northstowe Youth Partnership.
- (Proposed): Expansion of

Caretaker/Groundsperson roles to be expanded to 2 F/T (or multiple P/T roles), to support taking on further facilities (NB: Permanent Community Centre to be opened in Jan '26 - TBC; handover Pavilion Phase 1 potential option from Sep '26 onwards – TBC; discussions about green space management hand-over options – '27 - TBC).



### Northstowe Town Council Apr '28 – Mar '29

Proposed Changes:

- (Proposed): Expansion of Finance Officer post to F/T position, due to anticipated ongoing growth in asset management by Town Council.
- (Proposed): Expansion of Engagement Officer post to F/T (potential for x2 P/T posts, where relevant), to cover gap left due to expected ending of Phase 1 Community Development Officer post/ SCDC.
- (Proposed): Increase in FTE for Caretaker/Groundsperson roles (could be multiple P/T roles), to cover anticipated ongoing growth in asset management by Town Council.

NB: Civic Hub expected to be opened with permanent office for Town Council in 2028.

