NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

MOTION PAPER

SECTION 1A - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:

Report from	Cllr Benedicic
On behalf of	Asset Transfer Opportunities Working Group
Date	Thursday 11 th July 2024
For Meeting of	Full Council
Council/Committee	
Date of meeting	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024
Agenda item no.	83/24-25
Confidentiality	Assets & Estates Manager Recruitment Report – Confidential
	Appendix B – Assets & Estates Manager – DRAFT Job Role v2- Confidential
TITLE OF MOTION	Recruitment of Assets & Estates Manager
MOTION(S)	For the Town Council to:
	 To receive a motion paper and accompanying report on recruitment of an Assets & Estates Manager. To receive a draft job description and draft recruitment advertisement for position of Assets & Estates Manager To decide to commence recruitment activities for an Assets & Estates Manager To delegate to the clerk the task of finalising the job role and advertisements required for the recruitment process
Background	See provided documents
Issues/items for consideration by the Council	See provided documents
Recommendations	See provided documents
Appendices	N/A
Documents:	Assets and Estates Manager Recruitment Report.docx
	Appendix A – Assets and Estates Manager – DRAFT Job Role v2.docx
	Appendix B – Assets and Estates Manager – DRAFT Advert v2.docx

SECTION 1B - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:

Input needed from[filled in by clerk, 18th July: this documentation and associated papers were firstClerk?seen by the Clerk on 16th July; there has been insufficient time to feed into these
fully].

PLEASE NOTE: Agenda item requests: in order to be considered for inclusion on the agenda, motions with all associated papers *must* be received by the Clerk in a final format at least 7 clear daysⁱ before the meeting at which you would like your item to be considered – if any input is required from the Clerk please provide sufficient additional time for the Clerk to schedule in for any feedback and/or additional research that may be required.

SECTION 2 - To be filled in by the Clerk:

Meets/links with Council	Council to ensure sufficient staffing is in place to meet its statutory	
objectives:	requirements and to ensure its longer-term ambitions and objectives	•
	can be met.	
Staffing Implications:	YES: New Member of staff to be recruited.	←
Volunteer need	N/A	-
implications:		
Equalities & Human	There are no equalities and human rights issues	
Rights ⁱⁱⁱ	Details, where relevant: N/A	
Crime and Disorder ^{iv}	Crime and disorder have been considered	
	Details, where relevant: N/A	
Biodiversity ^v	There are no (negative) bio-diversity implications	
	Details, where relevant: N/A	
Sustainability	Is in line with the Council's Plastic-Free Pledge – N/A	
Financial ^{vi}	There are no financial implications at this stage – N/A	
	There will be financial implications; Details: YES – position would	<i>←</i>
	increase monthly salary costs.	
	There is provision within the budget: POSSIBLY	←
	Budget heading & details: The position proposed here has been	
	budgeted for, from 1 st Sep. 2024 onwards, at wage scale SCP33, thus at	
	•	
	the lowest end of the proposed scales SCP33-36.	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure; Details:	~
	YES:	
	 New member of staff would also need to be equipped with IT 	
	equipment and phone (budgeted for).	
	 The Council may need to spend funds on advertising the negitive such as to be a struct beam an advertising. 	
	position; such costs have not yet been specified.	
	Decisions may have potential for income generation; Details: YES –	←
	position will be critical in understanding opportunities and viability of	
	different assets/facilities across Northstowe, some of which may have	
	the potential to start generating revenue streams.	
Other Resource	Details: Not foreseen for early stages of this position.	
implications (besides		
finance):		
Health and Safety	Details: N/A	
implications ^{vii}		,
Legal	Power under which the spend can be actioned:viii Local Government Act	√
	1972, s. 112 = Power to appoint staff.	
	GDPR - Data Privacy Impact Assessment: ^{ix}	\leftarrow
	Details, where relevant: Applicants' data to be treated sensitively.	
	Other considerations: N/A	
Risk Management	Material risks ^x exist and these are considered and being assessed:	\leftarrow
	Details:	
	The key risks in the short- to medium term, as also identified in the	
	paperwork are:	
	- Failure to find a suitable candidate for the position in near future;	
	- Lack of sufficient time for the Assets and Estates Manager, once	
	in place, to obtain necessary information within the timeline as	
	set by the District Council, for the Town Council to understand in	
	detail different options for management of the Permanent	
	Community Centre and their business viability, liabilities and	
	risks, and to present a suitable business case on the chosen	
	option to SCDC.	
Other Considerations:	N/A	

^{vi} It is the RFO's duty to manage financial risks on behalf of the Council, as described in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, reg 4.

ⁱ Northstowe Town Council's <u>Standing Order 9 b,d</u>.

ⁱⁱ The Council has a legal duty to ensure it looks after employees' health and wellbeing (the Health and Safety at Work etc act 1974).

ⁱⁱⁱ The key legislation regarding unlawful discrimination is the Equality Act 2010, which amongst other requires the Council to monitor for compliance with the Equality Duty.

^{iv} The Council has a legal duty to act with due regards to crime and disorder in the area (Crime and Disorder Act 1998, s17).

^v The Council has a legal duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity (Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, s40).

^{vii} See also Town Council's <u>Health and Safety Policy</u>.

^{viii} See here for an <u>Overview of relevant discretionary powers</u> beyond the General Power of Competence.

^{ix} See also the Town Council's <u>Data Protection Policy</u>.

^x See Town Council's <u>Risk Management Plan</u>.