

## **FULL COUNCIL**

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**Date:** Monday, 9 October 2023  
**Title:** Vandalism and Health & Safety  
**Contact Officer:** Operations Manager

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### **Background**

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors about the Health and safety status across all of Witney Town Council's facilities and provide an update on vandalism since the last meeting.

### **Current Situation**

#### **Compliance**

All 6 monthly alarm testing has been completed over sites managed by Witney Town Council. The gas safety check and boiler servicing have been completed at the Corn Exchange with remedial works due to be completed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.

#### **Health and Safety**

Members of the maintenance team were found to not be wearing protective face wear during hedge-cutting duties. After review, this was found that the protective glasses were fogging up. All members of the works team have now been issued with antifog protective eyewear.

#### **Vandalism**

15/09/23 - Plant pot missing from grave plot reported. The grave owner has been advised that items are left at the owner's risk and to report it on 101.

25/09/23 - Burwell Goal net supports vandalised. Repairs have been made but the posts will have to be replaced after the 2023-24 season.

20/09/23 - Fishing sign vandalised, repaired.

26/09/23 Anti-social behaviour in the Corn Exchange, staff verbally abused, and soap was sprayed all over the toilets. Wall-mounted soap dispensers have been ordered and the incident has been reported to TVP.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

### **Financial implications**

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- Continued labour and costs for associated vandalism.
- The protective clothing budget 605/4007 covered the cost of the new personal protective equipment.
- The sports equipment budget 4046 will cover the cost of new aluminium goal posts, currently, there is a programme of replacing the old steel posts with aluminium ones due to manual handling.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report.