

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** 7 June 2021  
**Title:** Bus Shelters  
**Contact Officer:** Project Officer - Nicky Cayley

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### **Background**

The Project Officer was tasked with procuring a vandal proof shelter for outside the Burwell shops.

There was originally a bus shelter in this position which was vandalised and removed by the Town Council several years ago. Since that time, several requests from residents have been made for a replacement to be added on this busy S1 town centre bus route.

### **Current Situation**

The Deputy Town Clerk repeatedly tried to contact the Council's usual supplier, Commutaports, regarding an anti-vandal shelter last year with little success. The Project Officer followed up on this and unfortunately did not receive any reply either.

Attached to this report are three options for vandal proof shelters from different companies, with images. Option 3 is a new to market product that is in production and is about to be launched.

### **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.

Members will note that option 3 includes a sedum roof. Sedum is a natural plant cover that encourage biodiversity, absorbs carbon, improves air quality and reduces noise pollution. This would be an excellent option in the light of the climate emergency.

### **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.

The anti-vandal shelters should vastly reduce the risk of this shelter needing repair or replacement.

**Financial implications**

As stated in the appendix.

A resolution of the previous Council administration had agreed installation of this shelter from the Council's rolling capital. It should be noted that the hardstanding at this site will also need to be replaced by the Council's works team, prior to the shelter being installed.

**Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider which option the Council would like to see installed at Burwell Shops.