ANNUAL COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Title: Position of Town Crier for Witney

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk, Adam Clapton

Background

At the meeting held on 28th June 2021, this Council resolved to continue the arrangements in place for the position of Town Crier for a further municipal year, with a recruitment process taking place in 2022-23 (minute number 326 refers).

Current Situation

The Town Crier continues to support the Town Council, Mayor and local businesses as Witney attempts to move on from the Covid Pandemic.

The Council has a busy civic period in June due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the current incumbent of the position of Witney Town Crier has events scheduled.

Members should consider the position of Town Crier, supported by the Town Council, whether a volunteer recruitment process should take place, or whether the position and incumbent should be confirmed for a further year until the new Council administration in May 2023.

Environmental Impact

There are no environmental implications pertaining from this report.

Financial Impact

There is currently no fiscal impact relating to the position. A recruitment process would incur a potential small outlay as well as officer resources.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report; and

1. Consider how to proceed with the position of Town Crier for 2022-23.