

**REPORT FROM:** Head of Housing & Environmental Health

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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## Pigeons in Colne Town Centre

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the committee on actions taken with respect to pigeons in Colne town centre.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee note the information provided.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) To ensure that the Committee is kept up to date with the position regarding pigeons in Colne town centre.

### ISSUE

1. At the time of the last meeting, following the request for pest control to price for culling pigeons in Colne Town centre, there were no pest control officers in post. The two officers that had been in post both left the service within a short period of time. A new officer came into post on 23 June, and the service is operating with this one officer.
2. Regarding Tower Buildings, the owner has carried out proofing around the property as promised. The pavement in front of the property has been clear of faeces when officers have visited the area.
3. The other areas which were identified have been inspected. Officers have not witnessed any food thrown out in the Dockray Street area. In the shop parade at Hartley Square, a few pigeons were noted on the canopy at the front of the shops. There is also a section of fascia missing outside the gym, where pigeons are entering. The owners of the units have been approached regarding these matters.
4. The Taxi Licensing Manager has written to the hackney carriage proprietors reminding them of the hazards associated with feeding the pigeons and asking them to stop.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None

**Financial:** None

**Legal:** None

**Risk Management:** None

**Health and Safety:** None

**Sustainability:** None

**Community Safety:** None

**Equality and Diversity:** None

## **APPENDICES**

None

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None