

Community Protection

What is provided?	Why is it provided?	What drives demands?
Community Protection includes core statutory services of Environmental Health, namely Pollution Control and Private Sector Housing Standards and Anti-Social behaviour. It also provides a wide range of other mandatory duties allied to these core themes. Community Protection key services are managed collectively to ensure neighbourhood issues are adequately addressed.	The Community Protection Team has a range of mandatory regulatory responsibilities and the way in which it delivers services is governed by a large number of statutes.	Demand is generally categorised into two main areas: proactive and reactive. Our proactive work is planned work, prescribed by legislation. Our reactive work is our response to demands from the population of Torbay where we have a statutory duty or power to intervene to protect public health, safety or welfare. Demand is largely driven by the duty on local authorities to comply with statutory legislation.

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		Income £	Budget reduction £				
	957,000			872,000			
4. Reduce the funding available for the street warden service			22,000		Nil	01/04/15	Potentially reduced capacity of the street warden scheme. The potential impact of this proposal will be explored through consultation in 2014. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in relation to this proposal.

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5. Ceasing to provide the Street Warden Service			63,000			1/4/15	<p>Major Impact</p> <p>There are currently 5 street wardens covering some of the most deprived areas of Torbay: Hele, Watcombe, Foxhole/Queen Elizabeth Drive and Tormohun. 4 Wardens are on permanent contracts and 1 is on a fixed term contract due to end on 31st March 2015. The total cost of the programme is £135k per annum, and is funded for 14/15 by £50k from Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) funding (non-recurrent) and £85k from Torbay Council. In the 15/16 budget proposals we had already identified cutting 1FTE Warden post at £22k, hence the residual saving of £63k. There is a significant reputational risk from cutting the Street Wardens. There is also the potential for costs to be shunted elsewhere in the Community Safety Team and other areas of the council as they provide essential front line services e.g. dealing with Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), monitoring environmental crime, supporting vulnerable people in the community.</p>