

Report No. 2

Report to Policy and Resources Committee 10th March 2015

A-Boards

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To advise the committee of progress in seeking the removal of A-Boards from around the Market Cross.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the January meeting of this committee the Town Clerk was instructed to write to a local business in order to secure the removal of the remaining unauthorised advertisement from around the Market Cross.
- 2.2 The Town Clerk has since been in lengthy correspondence with the proprietors of the business who refuse to accept that the sign is an unauthorised advertisement.
- 2.3 In accordance with the instruction of this committee the Town Clerk passed the details to the enforcement officer at Wiltshire Council.
- 2.4 The enforcement officer has visited the town, viewed the sign and visited the business in the furtherance of his investigation. Details of the investigation have yet to be made known to the Town Clerk.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 In the latest letter from the business proprietors they have included an invoice to the Town Council for their time incurred in dealing with a visit from the enforcement officer, seeking advice on the visit and writing letters.
- 3.2 The enforcement officer will be contacting both the Town Council and the proprietors of the business once the investigation has been completed. .

4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 The Town Council acted quite properly through the Town Clerk to seek removal of an unauthorised advertisement.
- 4.2 It is for the Wiltshire Council enforcement officer to determine what further action (if any) should be taken by Wiltshire Council.
- 4.2 The Town Clerk is of the view that payment should not be made.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are recommended to consider if the invoice should be paid.

Jeff Penfold
Town Clerk
2nd March 2015.