

Reference from Community Services Committee 15 June 2023

Developing Capacity in Open Space Development (Community Services, Chris Swatridge)

At its meeting on 15 June 2023, the Community Services Committee considered a request to increase the staffing establishment in the Open Space Community Development team in Community Services.

As well as increasing resilience, these new posts will work closely with colleagues in the Planning Business Centre and contribute towards the Council's important role in the Climate Change and Health and Wellbeing agendas.

The report can be found [here](#)

Community Services supported this proposal, instead of the other options to either employ staff on temporary contracts, or 'do nothing'. Therefore, this Committee is asked to approve the following additions to the Council's staffing establishment and the associated supplementary revenue estimate to fund the posts.

Recommendation that:

- i) the authority's establishment list is amended as set out in the report with the following roles created:**
 - a) an Open Spaces Development Biodiversity Officer (permanent, 37-hour contract on grade 10); and**
 - b) a Community Development Projects Officer (permanent, 30-hour contract on grade 8).**
- ii) a supplementary revenue estimate of £4,886, required from 2025/2026 onwards, be approved**

(To Resolve)