

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE



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Padiham Town Centre Manager

PURPOSE

1. To establish a 25 hour per week post of Padiham Town Centre Manager to be funded from Tesco Section 106 funds.
2. To establish an operational budget of £50,000 effective from May 2012 pending receipt of funds from Tesco, in order to accelerate the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That approval be given to establishing a new 25 hour Grade 9 position (subject to Job Evaluation Quality Assurance confirming this level) for a fixed contract term finishing on 31st March 2014
4. That an operational budget, including salary costs, is established of £50,000 for both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.
5. That Full Council be recommended to approve the above forward commitment of £50,000 in 2013/14
6. That the budget for 2012/2013 is brought forward ahead of receipt of funding from Tescos

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7. To support Padiham Town centre in preparing for the business challenges it will face on the opening of a new Tesco supermarket

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

8. Tesco Padiham is expected to open in October 2012.
9. As part of an overall Section 106 negotiation, £100k was agreed by Tescos for the

appointment by the local planning authority of a Town Centre Manager and towards the cost of Town Centre Measures.

10. In order to provide some sustained assistance, an approximate two year programme is recommended that involves not only the appointment itself ,but also an operational budget through which to deliver initiatives.
11. It is proposed on appointment, that a Partnership be established, consisting of local retailers and other interested parties in Padiham, that we will consult with on operational projects.
12. To enable sufficient resource to be available to deliver projects specifically related to Padiham, it is envisaged that each of the £50k tranches received are split 50/50 between salary and operational budget.
13. If the position was not accelerated, and we waited for the funds to be able to establish this position in July, then by the time recruitment took place it may only be up and running as Tesco's itself opens. That we feel is too late to assist local retailers to face what will no doubt be challenging times.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

14. Under the Section 106 agreement £50,000 is due to be released 3 months prior to occupation and another £50,000 on occupation.
15. On receipt £50,000 would be reserved for year 2013/2014.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

17. Director of Regeneration and Housing
Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Margaret Lishman

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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