

Neighbourhood Wardens

MKC - 'The Offer' 2014/2015

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Brief background

1. Previously funded by central government
2. Then funding was picked up by local authorities
3. Initially a larger team of ten wardens
4. Currently 6 posts, but only 4 filled

Job includes to date

1. Reduce Crime and Anti Social Behaviour through early intervention
2. Report incidents and events to the relevant partner agencies
3. Maintain and improve the quality of the local environment through regular patrolling and maintaining a highly visible uniformed presence
4. Promote and foster positive community relations

Current position

- Savings – £125k for 2013/14 for the warden service deferred to 2014/15 to allow consultation or Parish financed alternative to removal

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‘THE OFFER’:

- To offer half/full day warden service ‘bought’ by singular Parishes or in consortiums of Parishes
- Costs will be: half day £92.50 (with VAT £111) & full day £185 (with VAT £222) with yearly contracts entered into with MKC
- To focus on local needs which may vary from Parish to Parish and will be Parish determined
- Wardens will remain MKC employees financed by ‘buying in’ of services by Parishes

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Key points to note:

1. **Parishes have been made aware through the letter issued to them on 13th May 2013**
2. **Further detail provided at Parish Forum 6th June 2013**
3. **Expressions of interest to be discussed with Head of Neighbourhood Management**
4. **A reminder letter will be issued in the Summer 2013**
5. **Deadline Monday 30th September 2013**
6. **If enough interest then agreements to be put into place by Feb 2014 with relevant parishes**
7. **If no interest from Parishes staff will be made redundant by end of March 2014**
8. **Potential for reduced workforce equal to level of contracts entered into**

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