

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting date	17 th November 2025
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Agenda item	9

Cemetery & Outdoor Services Managers Report – Bus Shelters

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 Members are asked to consider the report.

2. Summary

2.1 The COSM was asked to prepare a report for this committee detailing the condition of bus shelters, the popularity of individual stops and options for refurbishment or replacement, to include lifetime costs if possible.

2.2 Due to the amount of detail within the condition survey, the varied options arising from this and member knowledge of bus usage prior to the amalgamation of the two committees, the COSM is proposing a meeting of a working group to scope works against usage and propose a 1-5 year maintenance plan for life cycling.

2.3 The COSM was asked to obtain quotations for additional shelters at Stratton Way and High St.

3. Action required

3.1 Resolution to call a meeting of a working group with the COSM to scope works against usage and propose a 1–5-year maintenance plan for life cycling.

3.2 To procure two shelters for Stratton Way using the 2025/26 Bus Shelter budget 301/4791 and underspend from last year.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

4.1 The provision and maintenance of bus shelters has a positive impact on the council's four key objectives –

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1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

5. **Background**

- 5.1 The council have received an in-depth condition report from Externiture and have bus usage records for buses using these stops.
- 5.2 A need was highlighted for additional shelters at the very busy A1, A2 and A3 stops on Stratton Way. The COSM was asked to obtain a quotation for these additional shelters.
- 5.3 Ownership of the High Street shelter is under question, therefore its replacement is on hold.

6. **Key information and options**

- 6.1 Members are requested to resolve a meeting of a bus shelter working group.
- 6.2 We now have a quotation for the purchase and installation of two additional shelters to match the existing structures. There will be a slight difference in that the new shelters will have contrasting mid rails and seats. They will also have space for wheelchairs and buggies. One to be sited between stops A1 & A2 and the other between A2 & A3. All groundworks are accounted for in the quotation along with the re-sighting of the flower planter currently between A1 & A2. The quotation total is - £26,028.18 + VAT

7. **Climate change/green implications**

- 7.1 Provision of clean, tidy bus shelters in the right locations promotes green travel.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

- 8.1 Purchase of new shelters - £20,000 from the 2025/26 bus shelter budget 301/4791 and £6,028.18 from 2024/25 underspend.

9. **HR implications**

- 9.1 No additional staffing requirements.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

- 10.1 Bus shelter condition survey.