



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC24/021

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	17 th July 2024
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Report Title:-	Knife Amnesty Box
Wards Affected:-	Wm Knibb

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the committee's views on paying for a knife amnesty box to be installed near the swimming pool.

2. Recommendations

The committee's views are requested

3. Information

- 3.1. The Mayor has been approached by local charity Off the Streets, asking the Town Council to consider paying for the installation of a knife amnesty box to be installed in the southern part of the town centre, to add to the one installed on the Salvation Army building in Rockingham Rd.
- 3.2. The box in Rockingham Rd, also supplied by Off the Streets, was paid for by ward initiative fund money in 2022, at a cost of £450. The proposed box – details below – is £420.
- 3.3. The view from Off the Streets is that a box at the southern end of town will improve coverage. Knife amnesty boxes allow people to “post” their weapon into the box where it is securely held until opened by the police.



Capacity - 30 litres
Height 1042mm
width 502mm
depth 302mm
weight 54kg

It is secured to the wall using 4 x M10 bolts and will be fitted with a padlock fitted by the Police and they will be responsible for collecting any knives. The bin will also have a Off The Streets Logo on it (and a town council one)

- 3.4. The proposed location is on or close to the swimming pool building. The permission of NNC will therefore be needed for that to go ahead.

4. Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1 The proposal has come from Off the Streets and the police are supportive of it as a measure.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1. The box could be funded from the community resilience fund, which has £6000 remaining in it.

6. Climate change implications

None directly

7. Policy Implications

The Council's corporate plan includes a priority to support measures to improve public safety, road safety, and the safety of the night time economy in Kettering.

Background Papers

Email exchanges with the Mayor, Off the Streets, police and NNC .

WIF spending records