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## REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Town Crier</b>

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek the views of Members as to whether they would support the introduction of a Town Crier for Todmorden on a voluntary basis.
2. To ask Members as part of this consideration, whether they wish to attribute a formal budget for such duties and to include provision of “regalia”.
3. To seek from Members their view as to how such a position could be recruited, should there be more than one willing volunteer to the role.
4. To inform Members that the Town Clerk has sought contact with any other Town Clerks through the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, as to sharing any experience in such a role.

### BACKGROUND

5. The Town Clerk has advised me that there is no formal legislation covering the appointment and use of such a position.
6. This is entirely a Civil Pride issue. Not only is it a service that helps promote the Mayor and with it the Town Council, more generally it could help raise the profile of Todmorden by announcing at other events as well.
7. There is an Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers (<http://www.ahgtc.org.uk/>) that Members may wish to stipulate that any respective applicant is registered with.
8. That Guild provides advice as to how to go about recruiting a Town Crier, which may include publicly advertising for applicants, with a job description and holding auditions.
9. Initial regalia and set up costs are at this stage unknown. Any “costume” representing Todmorden should be tasteful and of a quality nature . There may also be some recruitment costs to the position.

## **FINANCIAL**

10. After reference to the Clerk it is proposed than an initial budget of £1,000 be established to take this forward and met from General Reserves.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. That Full Council consider this request.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

12. Full Council approval is required.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

13. There is no formal policy in place in this respect.

## **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

17. None from this report.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

18. None arising from this report.

## **IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT**

19. None arising from this report.

## **SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

20. None

**FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill**