

Meeting	Full Council Meeting
Date	27th May 2025
Report Title	Request to remove the bench on an open space at Queen Elizabeth Drive
Agenda Reference	14B
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Recommendations

1. To note the report.
2. To consider leaving the bench where it is, removing entirely or relocating closer to the play area.

Background

- 09/05/25: Resident reported that the bench was attracting antisocial behaviour and people congregating to smoke weed, the smell was wafting into gardens. It was suggested that the resident builds intel for the police by logging this with 101 as its happening and that Council will be informed of the request on 27th May 2025.
- 09/05/25: I emailed the PCSO's and had the opportunity to speak to them the VE Day Event on 10/05/25. After discussion, it was recognised that the bench is quite far away from the property line and the play area, there haven't been other reports of anti-social behaviour. The PCSO's agreed to do some additional patrols when in the area.
- 23/05/25: Chase up email sent to PCSO's for further thoughts ahead of Full Council on 27th May.
- Tidy Up Team has confirmed there has been no additional litter or drug paraphernalia to cause concern.
- There have been no other reports from residents and no further comments from the resident who did report this

