

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 MAY 2009

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF FLORAL BEDDING DISPLAYS AND HANGING BASKETS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: This report relates to the sponsorship by Community Groups and other organisations for additional or new provision of hanging baskets, commemorative carpet bedding or additional bedding displays.
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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the following conditions when requests are received from Community Groups or other Organisations to provide and maintain additional or new hanging baskets, commemorative/centenary carpet bedding or additional annual bedding provision subject to Service resources being available to provide and maintain these displays. In all instances these groups would require to contribute to the full cost of the supply, preparation and maintenance of the provision.
- 1.2 Note that requests for commemorative/centenary carpet bedding would be restricted to local groups that in many instances form part of national organisations.
- 1.3 Note that the full cost of the floral provisions to be met by the Community Groups or other organisations shall include all material costs, all labour costs in relation to maintenance including watering, associated preparation, installation/planting and removal. Administration costs in relation to purchase of material etc shall be absorbed by the Service.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of previous budget submissions, savings had been identified and made by reducing the use of high cost bedding plants associated with intricate carpet bedding that require very high density planting and maintenance by using more traditional bedding with emphasis on floral displays rather than creating logos and lettering. In addition there was an overall reduction in the provision of hanging baskets as part of these budget savings.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 As a result of this reduction in the use of traditional carpet bedding plants, intricate lettering and logo plantings can no longer be undertaken at all the display locations with these areas now being planted for floral effect only. The Committee is asked to agree that when requests are received from Community Groups or other Organisations to provide and maintain additional or new hanging baskets, commemorative/centenary carpet bedding or additional annual bedding that in all instances the groups would require to meet the full cost of the supply, preparation and maintenance of the hanging baskets or floral displays.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report as all costs would be fully met from the Community Group or Organisation sponsoring the display.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- More citizens are involved in community life

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken.

**RON ASHTON
DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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EQUALITY SCREENING

Policy Control Document

Name of Policy, Procedure or Report

Community Sponsorship for the provision of floral bedding displays and hanging baskets

Lead Department/Service

Neighbourhood Services

What is the aim of the policy, procedure or report?

The aim of the policy is to clearly set out the conditions in relation to costs and guidance when a Community Group or others make requests for additional provision of floral displays, hanging baskets and floral carpet bedding that form logos and lettering themes.

Is this a new or a review of an existing policy, procedure or report?

New report.

Screening Process

Has the policy, procedure or report already been assessed for its impact on people from different racial backgrounds, people of different genders and people with disabilities.

Yes No

If Yes, unless there have been significant changes, no further action is required. Please sign and date immediately below and retain for reference.

If No, does the policy, procedure or report involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs?

Yes No

If yes, proceed to Step 1 of the Full Impact Assessment on page 2.

If no, please state why not

[Empty box for stating why not]

If no, The policy, procedure or report is not relevant and no further action is required.

Please sign and date immediately and keep for reference

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

FULL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Step 1

Are there any statutory legal requirements affecting this policy, procedure or report? If so please describe.

No statutory legal requirements other than monies made available from Community Groups or others will be within the Council financial regulations and may form a legal agreement between both parties for the payments.

Step 2

What data/research is available to assess the likely impact of the policy, procedure or report.

From past requests for additional floral displays from organisations and others.

Step 3

Is there any reason to believe the policy, procedure or report could affect people differently due to their race or disability or gender? If so how?

Race No

Disability No

Gender No

Step 4

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the policy, procedure or report could unlawfully discriminate against people? If so, how?

No.

Step 5

Can the policy, procedure or report be seen to favour one section of the community

Yes No

or deny opportunities to another?

Yes No

If yes, please give details.

Step 6

Does the policy, procedure or report advance equality?

Yes No

Or restrict equality?

Yes No

If yes, give details

Step 7

Are there any other actions which could have been taken to enhance equality of opportunity?
If so please state

No.

Step 8

Based on the work you have done, rate the level of relevance being allocated to this policy, procedure or report.

High Medium Low Unknown

Step 9

If during **Steps 3 - 6** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider if any adverse impact can be justified.

Yes No

If yes please give details.

If no, consider alternative ways of delivering the policy, procedure or report to minimise negative impact or eliminate unlawful discrimination. Give details of the changes to be made to the policy, procedure or report.

Step 10

Do you need to carry out a further impact assessment?

Yes No

If yes, what actions do you need to take

Step 11

Make arrangements to monitor and review the impact assessment.

- i) Who will be responsible for monitoring? Neighbourhood Services

- ii) How will it be monitored and analysed? On type and number of requests.

iii) How often will the policy, procedure or report be reviewed and by whom? As required in ii)

Step 12

Publish results of the Impact Assessment.

How will the results be recorded and reported?

Completion of impact assessment:

Please sign and date immediately and forward to your designated Policy Impact Assessment Co-ordinator.

Name: Jim Campbell

Signature: _____

Date: 18th May 09

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