

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting21st January 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

Place Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Planters in Residential Streets (Task and Finish)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Place Select Committee Task & Finish Scrutiny Review of Planters.

RESOLVED that:-

1. That, in line with usual practice, SBC continue to maintain the structure of planters, where repairs are needed, and any proposals to remove planters, following consultation with local residents, be considered on a case by case basis together with funding options.
2. That residents and community groups be invited to take on the role of coordinating and/or pilot planting through approaches to organisations such as:
 - o Cultivate Tees Valley, Shaw Trust, Billingham Environmental Link Programme (BELP), and other community gardening groups
 - o Tenants and Residents Associations
 - o Residents who are allotment holders or are on allotment waiting lists
 - o Councillors and Residents
 - o Community Partnerships
 - o BMBF, schools, and youth organisations
3. That Town and Parish Councils are asked whether they would be interested in taking on responsibility for any planters in their areas.
4. That Housing Associations are asked whether they would be interested in taking on responsibility for planters in areas where they have stock.
5. That local businesses are encouraged to sponsor planters or provide materials or funding.
6. That interested residents and groups be encouraged to:
 - a. Consider the longer-term maintenance and funding strategies and low maintenance planting schemes, such as wildflowers;
 - b. Consider the repurposing of planters, for example, as

benches/seating

- c. Work with local ward Councillors to consult the local community and encourage their involvement
7. That, following Cabinet approval, the Chair of the Task and Finish Group present the final report to the new Community Partnerships to seek interest from residents and groups.
8. That interested parties be signposted to Catalyst's Grantfinder Database.
9. That Community Services provide advice, guidance and appropriate support to interested individuals as part of approving planting schemes.
10. That opportunities are publicised with a view to seeking interest from individuals and groups and that successful pilot initiatives be publicised to encourage more interest.
11. That the inclusion of planters in residential settings should not be supported in future developments unless long term funding for their upkeep is identified and secured.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Place Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight - Friday 29th January 2021.

Proper Officer
25 January 2021