

Northern Area Committee

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REPORT

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RURAL FLORAL ENHANCEMENT SCHEME:

1. Introduction:
 - 1.1. The Committee will be aware that this scheme has been running for several years now, providing floral displays to villages and towns in the Salisbury District Council area
2. Background:
 - 2.1. Up until 2004, all Parish Council's in the Salisbury District Council area were invited to apply to have summer flowering tubs, baskets and containers displayed in their villages/towns.
 - 2.2. The displays are delivered in early June and collected in early October each year. The relevant Parish/Town Council were responsible for the day to day maintenance of the displays.
 - 2.3. Funding for the scheme has been via the relevant area Committee's discretionary budget.
 - 2.4. In 2004 the Western and Southern Area Committee's resolved not to support the scheme any longer and consequently no displays were delivered to those areas this year.
 - 2.5. The Northern area resolved to continue supporting the scheme for 2004 but to reconsider the viability of the scheme for 2005 (minute 157, 1/4/04 refers). The cost of the scheme to the NAC averages £4,500 p/a.
3. Current Situation
 - 3.1. Letters are usually sent to the Parish/Town Council's around December inviting applications for the following year
 - 3.2. This Committee is requested to determine whether or not, in principle, it wishes to continue with the scheme for 2005.
 - 3.3. If not, the Parish and Town Councils will be informed accordingly. The supplying nursery will also be informed to ensure they do not order in plants/composts etc in readiness.
 - 3.4. It should be noted that any decision to continue in principle will be subject to the relevant budget being made available in the revenue estimates for 2005/06.
4. Recommendations:
 - 4.1. The Committee is requested to determine whether or not they wish to proceed, subject to budget provision being made available, with the rural floral enhancement scheme in 2005.
5. Implications:
 - 5.1. Financial: As outlined in the report
 - 5.2. Legal: Nil
 - 5.3. Personnel: Nil
 - 5.4. Community Safety: Nil
 - 5.5. Environmental: Nil
 - 5.6. Human Rights: None as they relate to this report
6. Ward(s) Affected: Potentially all Wards in the Northern Area