
SOUTH PARK CARPET BED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio

Responsible Director - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider applications for the design of the South Park Carpet Bed.

Information and Analysis

2. The Carpet Bed in South Park is open to community groups for planting displays to promote their organisation. This year two requests have been received from:
 - (a) **Darlington Association on Disability (DAD)**
 - (b) **Darlington & District Scout Council**
3. Details of the applications are as follows:
 - (a) **Darlington Association on Disability (DAD)**

This year, Darlington Association on Disability (DAD) celebrates its 21st Anniversary. DAD is an organisation led by disabled people and exists to promote independence and choice. DAD serves disabled people and their carers through the provision of services, support and information, and by tackling issues affecting disabled people both locally and nationally. Both members of DAD and users are encouraged to be involved in decision-making and planning at all levels within the organisation.

Since 1986, DAD has grown enormously, now employing over 20 staff and managing 11 projects. Over 3,500 people are registered to use the services DAD provides, including almost 200 children and young people, who access play and leisure activities, approximately 2,000 Shopmobility customers and around 900 carers.

DAD's vision for the future is to empower disabled people and carers of all ages by removing the barriers facing them to ensure equality of opportunity, greater independence and improved choice.

DAD would like the carpet bed design to reflect their logo, DAD - Breaking Through Barriers. Copy attached as **Appendix 1**.

(b) Darlington & District Scout Council

In 2007, Scouting will celebrate its Centenary with a programme of events and activities in the UK and worldwide. The work will come to the UK for the 21st World Scout Jamboree, the highlight of the World Scouting calendar.

Darlington & District Scout Council have stated that 2007 will be an occasion for them to:

- (i) Demonstrate the unity of World Scouting
- (ii) Promote a more peaceful world
- (iii) Provide enjoyable and beneficial experiences
- (iv) Demonstrate a commitment to nature and the environment
- (v) Show concern for all communities

Darlington & District Scout Council would like the carpet bed design to reflect the Scouting World Badge, which is worn by every member in Scouting who wears a uniform in the UK. Copy attached as **Appendix 2**.

Outcome of Consultation

- 4. No consultation has taken place

Legal Implications

- 5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- 6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

- 7. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework.

Decision Deadline

- 8. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.

Recommendation

9. Members are recommended to select an organisation to provide a design for the Carpet Bed in South Park.

Reasons

10. To enable the design and planting of the South Park Carpet Bed to proceed.

Cliff Brown
Director of Community Services

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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