
SOUTH PARK CARPET BED

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

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

Background

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 Operatic Society
- (b) Darlington Rotary Club

3. Details of the applications are as follows:

- (a) **Darlington Operatic Society**

Darlington Operatic Society was reformed after the War in 1945. They have produced musical shows in what used to be the Hippodrome, now Darlington Civic Theatre, since that time. Membership is drawn from all walks of life and through their endeavours they have donated approximately £8,000 to St Teresa's Hospice last year. Other local charities have also benefited.

This year, the Society are commemorating their Diamond Jubilee and have requested a planted design in South Park Carpet Bed.

- (b) **Darlington Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club is celebrating the organisation's Centennial year. The organisation has donated to various local charities and projects, including St Teresa's Hospice, Abbeyfield Retirement Home and the new Training Centre for Visually Impaired People at the Arts Centre.

As part of their Centennial year celebrations, the Rotary Club have requested a planted design in South Park Carpet Bed.

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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