
SOUTH PARK CARPET BED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Stephen Harker, Health and Leisure Portfolio

Responsible Director - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

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

Summary

2. Each year there is an opportunity for a community group to have their logo displayed in the Carpet Bed at South Park. This year a single request has been received from Girlguiding UK.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that the application from Girlguiding UK to design the South Park Carpet Bed be approved.

Reasons

4. The recommendation is supported to enable the design and planting of the South Park Carpet Bed.

**Cliff Brown
Director of Community Services**

Background Papers

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

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no impact on crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has no impact on health and well being.
Sustainability	The plants from the Carpet Bed once finished with are composted.
Diversity	Any community group across the Borough can request their logo be displayed in the Carpet Bed in South Park.
Wards Affected	Park East
Groups Affected	Any community group can request their logo be displayed in the Carpet Bed at South Park.
Budget and Policy Framework	There is no impact on the Budget or Policy Framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The visual impact of the Carpet Bed in South Park adds to the overall visual amenity of the park impacting on the Greener theme within the Community Sustainable Strategy.
Efficiency	There is no impact on the efficiency agenda as a result of this report.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. The carpet bed in South Park is open to community groups for planting displays to promote their organisation. This year, one request has been received from:

(a) Girlguiding UK

6. Details of the application are as follows:

(a) **Girlguiding UK**

This year is the centenary of Girlguiding UK and they are arranging a number of events throughout the country to highlight that 2010 is a special year for them. The Executive Committee of Guildguiding Durham South has challenged itself to have guiding depicted in as many flowerbeds throughout the county as possible in cities, towns and villages where guiding units meet. In Darlington, there are over 1200 members from age 5 to over 75.

The Centenary objectives are:

- (i) To celebrate the success and achievements of Girlguiding UK to current and past members and friends of the movement.
- (ii) To position Girlguiding UK as a modern and progressive organisation demonstrating its relevance in the 21st century to the outside world.

The aims of Girlguiding today are to:

- (i) Provide a safe, girl only space
- (ii) Remain relevant to today's girls
- (iii) Actively promote equality and diversity
- (iv) Give girls and young women a voice
- (v) Encourage a commitment to nature and the environment

Girlguiding UK would like the carpet bed design to reflect a special Centenary edition of their World Badge. A copy is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Outcome of Consultation

7. No consultation has taken place.