
SOUTH PARK CARPET BED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Nick Wallis, Health and Leisure 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, one request has been received from:
 - (a) The Boys' Brigade
3. Details of the application are as follows:

(a) The Boys' Brigade

The Darlington & District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary and the Boy's Brigade nationally is 125 years old in 2008. The Darlington & District Battalion has four companies with in excess of 120 boys taking part:

- (i) 1st Darlington at Willow Road Community Centre
- (ii) 2nd Darlington at Northlands Methodist Church
- (iii) 5th Darlington at Cockerton Methodist Church
- (iv) 1st Newton Aycliffe at Neville Parade Methodist Church

The Boys' Brigade is a Christian Uniformed Youth Organisation catering for boys between the ages of 5 years and 19 years, working towards badges through a structured scheme. Some of the activities involved include sports, life skills, activity weekends, developing planning, organisational and leadership skills and a general knowledge of the Christian Faith. The aim of the Boys' Brigade is to equip boys with good moral values and the ability to go out into the world with confidence.

The Boys' Brigade would like the carpet bed design to reflect their logo. A copy is attached as **Appendix 1**.

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. It is recommended that the application from the Boys' Brigade to design the South Park Carpet Bed be approved.

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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