

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Floral Displays - Carpet Bed and 3D Crowns
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Osman Dervish, Cabinet Member for Environment
SLT Lead:	Barry Francis, Director of Neighbourhoods
Report Author and contact details:	Paul Ellis Ext. 2966, Paul.ellis@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Ensure Havering is kept Clean and Safe
Financial summary:	£27,000 Sponsorship has been achieved to cover the cost of the floral displays. The maintenance of the displays will cost approximately £3,000 and will be funded from the Grounds Maintenance budget as part of the on-going maintenance of seasonal bedding.
Date notice given of intended decision:	J
Relevant OSC:	Environment
Is it an urgent decision?	No
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives





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Communities making Havering	[]
Places making Havering	[X]
Opportunities making Havering	
Connections making Havering	[]

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Part A - Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This report seeks approval to:

1. Commission floral displays (five x 3D crowns and the town hall carpet bed) using £27,000 in secured sponsorship and make the theme for this year's carpet bed a 'tribute to Key Workers'

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Part 3 [Responsibility for Functions] of the Council's Constitution states:

- 2.5 The following Functions may be delegated to individual Cabinet members by the Leader
- (j) To consider and recommend plans in respect of the portfolio allocated

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In 2016, a carpet bed was planted at the front of the Town Hall to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and during 2017 two 3D crowns were installed at the Town Hall and Langton's Gardens to celebrate The Queen's Sapphire Jubilee.

This tradition has continued with a further three crowns being installed during 2019; one in Elm Park shopping centre, one adjacent to Rainham Library, and one in Collier Row shopping centre.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic none of these displays were installed during 2020.

These floral displays help to:

- Celebrate and recognise local and national events. It is proposed that this year's design for the carpet bed will pay tribute to the efforts of key workers during the pandemic (Appendix 1)
- Provide increased visual impact and interest throughout the borough
- Complement and support the Borough's London in Bloom and local In Bloom competitions
- Raise the Borough's profile throughout London

The cost of the five crowns and the carpet bed in 2021 will be £27,000.

A number of contractors and suppliers who work with the Environment Team along with the Council's joint venture partner Wates have committed sufficient sponsorship funding to fully cover the cost of the displays this year. Appropriate arrangements will be made to recognise and publicise the sponsor's contributions when the displays are to be installed in late June/early July. The displays will be removed during November.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 1. To not provide any of the specialist floral displays this year due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic and a possible shortfall in sponsorship.
- 2. Provide only a limited number of the displays should sponsorship fail to meet the full cost of all displays.

These options were rejected as full sponsorship has been achieved.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

N/A

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Paul Ellis

Designation: Group Manager Public Realm

Signature: P Ellis Date: 13/04/2021

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Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has the general power of competence under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything an individual may generally do, including the matters set out in this report.

The service have confirmed that sponsorship to cover the cost of installing the displays has been-secured from current council contractors-and maintenance of the displays will be funded from existing budgets.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The cost of the five crowns and the carpet bed in 2021 will be £27,000.

A number of contractors and suppliers who work with the Environment Team along with the Council's joint venture partner Wates have committed sufficient sponsorship funding to fully cover the cost of the displays. The maintenance of the displays will be funded from the Grounds Maintenance budget.

The sponsors are: Wates, Ringo, Volker Highways, Marlborough Highways, Daisy Corporate Services, Grangewood Plastics, Rushtons Workwear, and SMI Workware.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The floral displays will be maintained and watered by the Council's Grounds Maintenance Service. There are no other HR implications

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;

(1) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect !of socio-economics and health determinants.

There are no direct equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this reports.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS				
NA				

	BACKGROUND PAPERS	
N/A		

Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed

Name: Cllr Osman Dervish

Cabinet Portfolio held: Environment

Date: 26/04/2021

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Committee Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration
This notice was lodged with me on
Signed



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