

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

6. 3 Floral Displays Contract

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Background

Currently we are in year 2 of a 3 year contract with ANSA to provide some of the floral displays in the Town Centre.

Next year 2022/23 will be the final year.

They provide hanging baskets, the barriers planters, 22 three tiered planters and 10 larger planters.

Update

Andy, the Town Councils lead Ranger has mapped out all the planting and floral displays completed by ANSA, which has been extremely useful. We have further identified where the Town Council Ranger team can add to the floral displays, so this year we have some hanging baskets in Market Place and Castle St, an addition we do not normally have over the winter months. Peat free soil has been used and sustainable plants, which will be repurposed when it is time for Ansa to do the summer planting.

The Town Council Rangers will also plant out the large planters in Market Place with peat free soil and sustainable plants.

We have also brought together the Britain in Bloom group, and have agreed a planting scheme for next year, plans were made by lead Ranger, Andy, and Ansa will be ordering the plants for their part of the floral displays. We also have community groups involved who have many ideas.

Last year we trialed the Rangers watering the plants and therefore we did not pay ANSA for the watering. The Rangers have done this fantastically; however it has caused considerable pressure to do this, and perhaps its time the Rangers could devote to elsewhere.

ANSA have confirmed if they were to do the watering, they will also tidy plants and maintain them.

Below is the costs for next year, with watering an optional extra should we wish to budget for it:

Year 3 2022/23 Summer Bedding

Description	Units	Unit Price (ex VAT)	Total Price (ex VAT)
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Half Baskets at existing Town Centre locations	104	£78.75	£8,190.00
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Barrier Planters as provided by Town Council, at identified locations	72	£91.32	£6,575.04
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Three Tiered Planters as provided by Town Council at identified locations	22	£122.79	£2,701.38
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Existing Large Box Planters at identified locations	10	£100.94	£1009.40
Total excluding VAT			£18,475.82

2022/23 Winter Bedding

Description	Units	Unit Price (ex VAT)	Total Price (ex VAT)
Removal of Summer bedding, Provision of plant materials, Plant up /Fill on site at each location and maintain as necessary. Provision for Barrier Planters only as provided by Town Council, at identified locations	72	£91.50	£6,588.00
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Three Tiered Planters as provided by Town Council, at identified locations	22	£122.79	£2701.38
Plant Up /Fill , Transport, Erect, Maintain & Dismantle Existing Large Box Planters at identified	10	£100.94	£1009.40
Total excl VAT			£10,268.78

Watering Costs

Area to be watered	No of Units	Cost per unit	Total cost per visit
To Watering of Half Baskets at existing Town Centre locations	104	£0.88	£91.52
To Watering of Barrier Planters at existing Town Centre locations	72	£1.75	£126.00
To Watering of Three Tiered Planters at identified locations	22	£4.22	£92.84
To Watering of Large Town Planters at existing Town Centre locations	11	£1.75	£19.25
Total excl VAT based on 40 visits			£13,184.40

Total Cost for contract including watering - £41,929 ex VAT

Recommendations

To consider the extra cost of the watering to be contracted to ANSA.