

Report to Council Meeting for 20-03-2019

OTC Floral Working Group Meeting 12th March 2019

Agenda

1. OTC floral display
 - Highways Report
 - Plantscape Contract
2. RCC Licensing of planters and flowerbeds
3. Knight's Yard Project report

Minutes

1. Highways confirm that there will be no problem attaching flower containers to lampposts this year, so there will be no need to make changes to the Plantscape contract.

It was agreed that when the floral displays are in place:

- a survey would be done by the working group of the overall display scheme and adjust if necessary
- a quote will be requested for the testing of lampposts which would need doing before use in 2020
- to save the cost of testing lampposts next year we would look to see if the planters could be relocated
- three estimates will be requested for the planting contract for 2020, and a report brought to Council

2. RCC Highways have new regulations. Although all town planters are currently licensed (OTC holds these) RCC have requested full details of all floral installations and all planted landscaped areas in the town, and will issue a one-off licence to cover everything. Oakham in Bloom have produced a comprehensive inventory and are awaiting feedback.

3. Knight's Yard. It was agreed that a report should be brought to Council for this project, as this would improve the attractiveness of the area, and might improve footfall into Knight's Yard. The maximum cost of £250 was very reasonable, and there should be enough in the floral budget to cover this.