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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Report Author: Floral Working Group	Title: Gaol Street OTC Planter
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Subject:
Town Council Floor Planter in Gaol Street by the Friends Meeting House

Applicable Strategy:
Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play.
Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups

Background

This large floor planter was purchased by the Town Council, and the planting and maintenance were originally undertaken by the previous Clerk's mother, Mrs White. Subsequently it was taken over by the Society of Friends. This year the maintenance is not quite up to standard.

Rutland County Council has instituted a new policy of licensing for all items on the highways/pavements. This means that this planter will need to be licensed, for which there may be a fee.

Some possible courses of action:-

- 1) That Oakham Town Council license the planter, and contact the Society of Friends with a view to discussing the maintenance.
- 2) That Oakham Town Council license the planter, and arrange ourselves for summer and winter planting and watering, with associated costs.
- 3) That Oakham Town Council ask Oakham in Bloom if they would allow the Council to gift them the container, in which case it would be included in their licence and they would oversee the twice yearly planting and maintenance.
- 4) That we simply remove it altogether.

The proposal favoured by the Floral Working Group would be option 3.