


Meeting Type: Full Council	Agenda Item: 14
Date of Meeting: 12 March 2025	

OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Report Author: Cllr P Ainsley	Subject: Oakham in Bloom
Title: Oakham in Bloom Planter Enhancements	
Strategic Aims: To enhance the current planters to reflect our rural setting	
<p>Details:</p> <p>Oakham in Bloom (OIB) has twenty large planters around town. OIB propose enhancing them by 'hiding' the existing planters with wood-effect recycled plastic. These panels can include personalized graphics, logos, or sponsorships.</p> <p>The proposed enhancements to the planters align with the ongoing Oakham Town Centre Action Plan.</p> <p>One of the plan's primary objectives is to establish a clear and consistent identity. Initiative 3 focuses on reviewing street furniture to ensure the quality and character of bins, bollards, benches, planters, and signage in the centre.</p> <p>Oakham in Bloom are able to proceed with the enhancement of 6 planters at a cost of £268 exc VAT for each planter before the 31st March, which would enable this first batch of planters to be financed from the UKSPF.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Note: One planter on Gaol Street has already been enhanced for councillors to view and discuss.</p>	
<p>Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That council authorises Oakham in Bloom to proceed with the enhancements of six identified planters at a cost of £1662.50, excluding VAT. Funding will come from the UKSPF. 	

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<i>Budget Header:</i>	UKSPF				
<i>Proposed Expenditure</i>	£1590	<i>Initial Budget</i>	£50K	<i>Unbilled Expenditure</i>	
<i>Budget Remaining</i>		<i>Time Sensitive (Y/N)</i>	Y	<i>Expiry Date</i>	31-03