



## AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

### DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

28<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Report of:** Teija Ahjokoski  
**Title:** Pollinator flower/meadow Project

**Officer presenting report:** Emily Smith

**Recommendation:**

- a) To **agree** to fund 900m<sup>2</sup> of floral meadows across Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
- b) Officer to work with the Pride of Place theme group to decide areas to be seeded/planted

1. A vibrant environment is a priority of the Dundry View Neighbourhood Plan and includes increasing access to wildlife, maintaining wildlife corridors and planting. In previous years the partnership has supported the installation of pollinator flower areas which have been well received by the community and visitors to the area.

- 1.1. We would like to create approximately 900m<sup>2</sup> of floral meadows at a cost of £2000 in cooperation with the Meadow Bristol project. The scheme has brightened up Bristol Gateways and green spaces since 2010. The floral perennial and annual meadows are also beneficial for pollinators as shown by the country wide Urban Pollinators Project, led by Bristol University.
- 1.2. Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership area has large areas of grass land with limited visual and wildlife value but also important Nature Conservation areas. Site and seed mix

selection would be done in cooperation with interest groups and reflecting both amenity and wildlife needs.

- 1.3. Creating new native wildflower meadows on fertile soils is costly and requires careful maintenance to establish a species rich biotope. The floral meadows should not be seen as a replacement for wildflower meadows, but a cheap and easy maintenance of creating both added amenity and habitats for declining pollinators.
2. Locally, the Meadow Bristol project, is part of Greater Bristol Pollinator Network (GPBN), a cooperation with Bristol University, BCC and other organisations are working together 'to plan a joined-up approach to pollinator conservation in the Greater Bristol urban area' with floral meadows as an important part of positive actions to improve pollinator habitats in urban areas. To find out more follow the link:  
<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/biology/research/ecological/community/pollinators/pollinator-strategy/>  
On a national level the Meadow Bristol project reflects the 2014 'National pollinator strategy: for bees and other pollinators in England' call for action needs. Bristol's efforts are also mentioned in the strategy along with a picture of M32 floral meadow (p.30).
3. The floral meadows have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the general public for both beauty and the effort made for the pollinators.