# Record Of Decision Taken Under Scheme Of Delegation By Member Of Senior Management Team In Consultation With Portfolio Holder and Chair of My Neighbourhood Forum



SMT Member:
Service Group:
Portfolio Holder:
Portfolio/Committee:
My Neighbourhood Chair:
My Neighbourhood Forum:
Subject:

Jennifer Mullin
Development, Enterprise & Community

Cllr Michael Green

Corporate Support and Community Engagement

Cllr Colin Coulton

Western Parishes

Permission to spend core funds allocated to the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Forum to support New Longton Community Facilities.

Decision:

To grant permission to allocate and spend core funds of upto £732 to contribute to one of the priority projects from the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, New Longton Community Facilities.

### **Details and Reasoning:**

## **Background**

We have been approached by a resident of New Longton, and by the Hutton and Howick WI who meet in New Longton, to provide some planters for the village of New Longton.

This year, the WI celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year and they would like to have some planting around the area to mark it. They have requested the colour orange to feature.

The Parish Council have been approached, and are happy to support the idea, but will not put any funds into the proposed project, nor will they take on maintenance of the planters. SRBC do not have the resources or capacity to carry out maintenance.

Research has been carried out with regards to the plants that would require the least maintenance and has shown to be geraniums. These can tolerate dry soil for longer periods than they tolerate wet soil, but they still need watering in dry spells. If planted in containers they need a growing medium rather than garden soil which will dry out quicker. Polymer hydrating pellets can be added to the soil to soak up water and then slow release it in dry conditions.

The members of the WI are happy to take on the maintenance and watering and checks on the planters and have signed a contract to confirm this.

#### <u>Details</u>

The aim of the project is to brighten up New Longton with some planting and to celebrate 100 years of the WI with some attractive planting.

## Proposal

It is proposed to fund 8 planters to go in the various locations across New Longton.

#### Costs

8 planters – whiskey barrels Soil with gel to feed the soil if too dry. Planted with geraniums

	£732 (including VAT)
	TOTAL cost upto £732
	Locations have been identified and permission gained for the planters to go on the areas proposed. Land owners include Longton Parish Council, New Longton Primary School, SRBC and LCC.
	The size of the planters is 25ins wide outside to outside, with the wood 1ins thick.  15ins deep.
Wider Implications (Financial, Legal, Equality & Risk):	Funding for the projects is available from core funds. There are no equality issues to consider
Report attached?	Please refer to <a href="https://www.southribble.gov.uk">www.southribble.gov.uk</a> website for further details of My Neighbourhood Forum decisions.
Exempt from publication? If exempt, give reason(s):	No

All planted up by Newgate and delivered to New Longton.

Signed:		
Financial Management	Legal Services	
Thes Markety	DO WILL	Salaran Maria
Date	Date	a total galaxia
20/7/18	24/7/18	and the Country of th
SMT Membern	Portfolio Holder	My Neighbourhood Chair
Allulin.	M. A. Green	Elmh
Date	Date	Date
26/7/18	15.08.2018	02.08.18

Publication Date (DST use):	ti remignivent o	ngesi ye sabalediyo ni genelo V 11 -	
	*****		

THIS DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE AND MAY BE IMPLEMENTED FIVE WORKING DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION DATE, SUBJECT TO BEING CALLED IN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION