

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** 

**REPORT 75/18** 

13 AUGUST 2018

The purpose of this paper is to ask the Town Council to confirm proposed arrangements for the watering and maintenance of the regenerated Spring Hill Garden.

## No. DETAILS

## I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council agreed a 30 year lease for Spring Hill Garden from the Isle of Wight Council by Minute 31/17 of its meeting of 10 April 2017.
- b) A quotation for the regeneration of the Garden dated 4 April 2017 based on drawings provided by Neill Geddes was accepted from Landscape Contractor Dixcey.
- c) A generous donation of £7,000 from a Ventnor resident was supplemented by a successful Awards for All grant of £10,000 submitted by Tony McCarthy in January this year and granted on 8 February.
- d) Work started in March and is expected to be completed soon following delays in the planting due to the recent heat wave.

## 2) MAINTENANCE

- a) Although the original intention for the development was to add its grounds maintenance requirements to the existing contract, the Assets & Services Working Group are clear that there is a wider need for regular watering and litter clearance.
- b) Until the actual ongoing requirements become clear from experience of its development and public use, the Group is recommending the engagement on a monthly invoice basis of local Tree Surgeon and Garden Maintenance specialist Tim Creed whose quotation for the work is attached to this report.

## 3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to confirm the proposed arrangement for the Garden's routine maintenance until further notice.

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