

To receive a report from the Town Team and consider any actions and associated expenditure

At the last Town Team meeting, members considered ways of enhancing/greening Fore St and one of the ideas discussed was the use of the existing planters and the rebuilding of former planters with the planting therein of trees.

Previously, Town Team secured s106 funding based on a scheme to provide more seating and trees in Fore St. Some of the locations chosen for the trees were unacceptable to the Cornwall Council Tree Officer and therefore there is presently an underspend.

In total there are/were 7 planters and the proposal would be to re-instate the former planters in a style akin to the existing ones and to then plant with trees that achieve a reasonable height, but do not have a large or deep root ball thereby ensuring the roots do not create damage to the planters. Suggestions have included Olive and Bay, but further research needs to be carried out. It is envisaged that the trees will occupy the centre of the planters but seasonal flowers can still be planted around them although also, the idea of other herbs being planted around the bays has also been muted and this theme continued into the raised flower beds.

We will make certain that the trees in Fore Street are in agreement with the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan and that Saltash Town Council Voluntary Tree Wardens submit a report on the proposed plans.

The purpose of this report is to ask if the Services Committee are receptive to the idea so that Town Team can pursue a detailed costing along with confirmation from the Tree Officer that such a use of the planters does not cause a problem.

Once a detailed appraisal/analysis has been prepared and approved by Town Team we will liaise back before implementation for the approval of Saltash Town Council.

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