East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

Date: **06 June 2019**

Title: **Report Item 8 – Rejuvenation of shopping area**

By: **Councillor L d'Urso**

Purpose: **To provide information on an East Dean in Bloom Project**

Recommendations: **To approve the project in principle**

The idea of this project is to rejuvenate the shopping area, whilst working within a limited budget, making it a more attractive space for residents and customers and also attracting attention from visitors to East Dean, hopefully increasing footfall.

The project is intended to increase the attractiveness of the area by creating floral displays in large planters located outside the shops and at the end of the private road leading to the car parking area. These will be in tandem with floral displays on the bus shelters and signage indicating where the shops are.

Initially the project would require 8 substantial containers that can be located throughout the area and that once planted would be difficult to remove. There would also need to be a budget for plants and compost for planting.

It is anticipated that the Residents Association, Parish Council, Gardening club and local businesses can work together to bring this proposal to reality, working together as a community for the community.

The table below shows possible sources of funding for such a project. The Residents Association have already discussed the proposal and have offered £500 towards the costs [but this has been applied for under the Council Grant Scheme 2019 – see Report 9].

Local businesses have been approached and all those spoken to have been keen to see improvements in the aesthetics of the area and agreed that they would be willing to contribute financially to the initial cost of containers.

Possible sources of funding	Amount suggested	Secured
Residents Association	£500	?
EDF Grant	£500	No
Contribution from local traders	£500	No
EDF Budget allocation	£500	None in 2019/20

It is proposed that the Council allocate a sum of £500 in the first instance to ensure that this project is completed in 2019 and allocates a budget of £500 annually to cover costs of replanting, upkeep and further enhancements, thus ensuring that the project outcomes are deliverable and sustainable.

Summary of costs

For the planters-

If FIBRESTONE is used then the estimated cost is between £1096 and £1360 including VAT, (£876 - £1088 excluding VAT)

If WOOD is used costs would be between£800 and £ 1392 including VAT, (£640 - £1114 excluding VAT)

Compost for 8 planters – approximate cost 16 x 120 litres @ £8 = £128

Proposed timescale

To have containers delivered and planted with summer plants by August 2019

To have a rota in place to ensure watering etc. is carried out by this date

Reporting

Cllr Durso to report back to PC regarding progress at August meeting

Appendix 1

PLEASE NOTE THESE PRICES ARE INDICATIVE ONLY. Consultation between all parties would be necessary to decide on final choice of container etc.

3 quotes for each material

FIBRESTONE EXAMPLES

Primrose.co.uk

100cm x 50cm x 40cm Poly-Terrazzo Black Trough Planter - Set of 2 £339. Including VAT

The designer's choice; these planters appear outside restaurants and hotels and on the most discerning roof terraces and balconies. **Very smart and durable**; they are a perfect choice for a sleek, **contemporary look**.

Polystone is made up of unsaturated resin mixed with powdered stone additives that give these planters their stone finish. Polystone planters are **sleek, modern, light** (when compared to stone) and extremely durable.

Round Wood 100cm Grey Fibrestone Contemporary Trough

by Round Wood – through Amazon

1 new from £160.00

- Grey Fibrestone Contemporary Trough Planter
- PLA073.100K - 100 x 40 x H.40cm - 16.3kg
- Frost & UV resistant
- Pre-drilled drainage holes

Get potted.com

Trough Fiberstone Contemporary Grey Planter By Cadix Capi Lux H40 L100 W40 cm Large

£136.99incl. VAT
£114.16 without VAT

WOODEN EXAMPLES

Primrose.co.uk

H65 x L80cm Hardwood Versailles Trough Planter - **£99.99** inc. VAT

Code: PP1944

Taylor Made Planters Ltd

Top of Form

1000W x 430D x 360H Trough

Light Oak Clear

£174.99

£101.99

Wayfair www.wayfair.co.uk

Contemporary style Linear Wooden Planter Box. For a superior finish, the timber used is smooth-planed and Pressure Treated with a preservative to protect it against rot.