

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure committee agrees to pursue a blended model of options for the delivery of planting across Argyll and Bute as follows:

- Agrees to re-open the Arden Craig growing facility to serve the Isle of Bute with annual summer bedding plants noting that the estimated cost associated with this option is £13,500.
- Agrees to continue to purchase annual summer bedding plants for all other areas across Argyll and Bute, noting that this would deliver a recurring revenue saving of £6,000.
- In addition agree to also progress Option 6 as noted in the report to continue to engage with community groups across the Council area to take over maintenance of floral displays.
- Recommend to the Council that as implementation of these measures are estimated to require additional revenue funding of £7,500 within 2023-24 this is funded from the unallocated General Fund and built into the budget outlook estimates for future years.