



1. CATHEDRAL SQUARE ISSUES

Mr Denis Preston, City Design, tabled a preliminary report on the provision of additional planting in Cathedral Square by the use of freestanding planter boxes and vertical poles with baskets to provide some colour in the overall landscaping.

This suggestion had arisen from the Committee's earlier walk around tour of the Square and a previous seminar when it was suggested that the use of moveable planter boxes would assist in controlling car parking in the Square as well as providing a changing image more in keeping with the concept of the garden city.

Members discussed the planter box details as per the designs tabled and indicated a preference for Type B (see plan attached) and that these should be in place by the second week of December 2000.

It noted that approximately \$100,000 was available within existing budgets for this work.

COST

Based on a total of 40 planter boxes costs were estimated at:

Construction	\$24,000
Installation	\$3,000
Total cost	\$27,000

Annual maintenance cost per annum based on 40 planters: \$20,720

PARKING

The Parking Manager, Mr Maurice Smith, reported on the enforcement of parking especially in the south-east corner of the Square. It was agreed that planter boxes be used to assist in deterring unauthorised parking in this area and also in the areas outside the Camelot and Warners Hotel.

Provision of planter boxes in such a manner would then allow for the removal of the existing bollards.

RUBBISH TINS/PLANTER BOXES AROUND EXISTING TREES

The City Streets Manager undertook to investigate the problems previously noted in respect to the rubbish tins in the Square. In addition it was agreed that additional planting be provided in the tree planter boxes in the south-west corner of the Square to provide a greater visual impact.

The Committee **resolved:**

1. That a subcommittee consisting the Chairman and Councillors Carole Evans and Ron Wright be appointed to consider the location and numbers of planter boxes in the Square.
2. That additional work be considered as part of the budget process for the 2001/02 financial year.