

11. AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (EGERIA Densa UPDATE)

The Parks and Waterways Manager reported, updating Councillors on progress with egeria management and seeking the Committee's support for the following egeria management strategy:

- Continue with a high level of control to minimise spread of Egeria densa
- Carry out regular underwater surveys to monitor plant species
- Continue the use of diquat and refine techniques to minimise quantities required
- Continue with harvesting of excessive weed growth (mainly native species) to maintain current service levels, but ensure strict sanitising regime for harvester to prevent transfer of egeria plant fragments
- Continue with regular publicity and education about exotic weeds and importance of cleaning all equipment used in Kerrs Reach
- Continue with regular meetings of the Action Plan monitoring team, with an annual newsletter to other interested parties

The Committee **decided** that the above management strategy to control Egeria densa in Kerrs Reach, Avon River be supported.