

10. PLANTING STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to provide a response to the Committee's concerns about the choice of plant materials being used in Council projects.

The draft City Wide Planting Strategy 2000 written by Liz Briggs is designed to act as "a set of policies with a clear process and plan which will provide a framework for planting design on public land throughout the city". Written submissions on the draft were requested by the author by 24 November 2000 and several were received. It is now timely to progress the strategy through its final stages.

I propose that the seminar scheduled for 23 April be utilised for a joint seminar of the Parks and Recreation and Environment Committees, and that it be the forum for two synergistic events. Staff from Professional Services are willing to present to the Committee a range of planting programmes and projects carried out for the Parks and Waterways Unit. They will answer questions from the Councillors on this work. The second part of the seminar could then be an opportunity for the Committees to agree on the submission they want to make on the draft strategy. This interactive event is to be led by two people from the Parks and Waterways Unit, together with Liz Briggs. At the end of the session, Liz will then have a submission to which she can respond, along with the submissions already received, and can amend the strategy accordingly.

Recommendation: That the seminar scheduled for 23 April be the forum for progressing an integrated approach to planting in the city.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.