

Record of Decisions

Herbicide Use in Torbay

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 27 September 2022.

Decision

That SWISCo on behalf of the Council:

- 1) Commits to minimising the use of all Glyphosate (herbicide), to find a balance between environmental considerations and the statutory responsibilities of the Council and the quality of street scene within the Bay;
- 2) Move to the use of Nomix Dual distributed in a more controlled manner by way of electric utility vehicles fitted with kerbside application units;
- 3) Commits to work in partnership with allotment holders to promote and encourage chemical free management of allotments; and
- 4) Review herbicide use on an annual basis to ensure progress towards minimisation, compliance with best practice and practical herbicide free techniques.

Reason for the Decision

To detail the current use of Glyphosate (herbicide), consider alternatives and measures to reduce usage by SWISCo services. Strict controls were applied by the council on the herbicides that were applied to sites, with alternative methods being researched and trialled.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 10 October 2022 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

To provide an update on SWISCo's strategy to minimise the use of Glyphosate (herbicide), and the trialling of any practical implications or alternative methods.

At the meeting Councillor Morey proposed and Councillor Law seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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30 September 2022

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet