

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The proposal is to reduce the Parks and open Spaces budget by £15,000 in 2016/17 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the winter maintenance programme by £10,000 • Ceasing the Torbay Council sponsorship paid to Bay Blooms – this will save £5,000
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>The winter maintenance programme currently consists of spend to save projects to reduce high maintenance areas and area requiring improvement out of the summer season, for example overgrown shrub beds, bare patches of grass and overgrown hedges.</p> <p>Torbay Council currently funds the running of the Bay Blooms community based horticultural competition as part of the cyclical contract with TOR2</p> <p>Bay Blooms is a Horticultural competition held annually that all Torbay Residents and Businesses are able to participate in.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>Offer the Bay Bloom competition to be run solely by the community.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p>

	<p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect
<p>5.</p>	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>This proposal will impact upon residents and businesses within Torbay as it is proposed that the winter maintenance budget is reduced seeing a reduction in £10,000.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the sponsorship to Bay Blooms is ceased – this competition is open to all residents and businesses within Torbay.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Consultation will take place as part of the Councils general budget consultation – online and paper questionnaires will be made available so that members of the public will be able to have their say on this proposal.</p>