



Subject:	Motion – World Environment Day
Date:	18th December, 2020
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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion on World Environment Day which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st December.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>At the Council meeting on 1st December, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Garrett and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:</p> <p>“We commend the progressive steps and actions that this Council, its partners and community have begun to take in challenging the existential threat facing the planet through what we recognise as the climate emergency.</p> <p>In recognising this crisis, it is our duty as a Council to take proactive steps in educating, supporting and resourcing our communities to do whatever we can to face down the emergency.</p> ”

	<p>The United Nations World Environment day takes place on 5th June 2021, with the theme this year focused on Biodiversity. The UN has also proclaimed 22nd May the International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.</p> <p>To support biodiversity and positive actions in tackling the climate emergency, we call on this Council, working with partners to develop a similar initiative that other authorities have successfully developed, to freely distribute wildflower seed packs for city residents, schools and community and voluntary organisations.</p> <p>In building on this initiative, the Council will also mark World Environment Day on June 5th by illuminating the City Hall green, animating our social media channels with awareness raising content and developing a programme of digital or physical events within health guidance to support our citizens in challenging climate change.”</p>
3.2	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>