

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2022

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING PROPOSAL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To receive a report for the annual maintenance of the planters and overhauled beds throughout the town centre, and to facilitate training for the Town Team to enable regular maintenance throughout the year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the continuing improvements to the planters and beds throughout the town centre and around the car parks, Greenfinch Nurseries have been continuing their work on replanting the majority of planters and assisting Sarah Price Landscapes to realise the implementation of the improvement plan.
- 2.2 Greenfinch Nurseries alongside Sarah Price Landscapes have continued to advise the Town Team on maintenance, so they are aware of what to do when, and which plants are to stay, and which are to be taken out.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 For Greenfinch Nurseries to provide 14 days of maintenance across the year for two people at £18 each per hour (£216 for 6 hours).
- 3.2 These will tend to be short days, generally a 5- or 6-hour day. This will allow time for general maintenance 2 or 3 times a year, to include extra planting, plant division, cutting back of old foliage etc. Only the hours worked will be charged for, which may be less than the 14 days in total.
- 3.3 To work alongside the Town Team whenever possible to help build their confidence with this style of planting and train them in maintaining it.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To agree to continue working with Greenfinch Plants on their maintenance schedule and agree to 'pay as you go' as and when they feel it would be most beneficial to carry out plantings and maintenance, no more than 14 days total across the financial year.
- 4.2 To agree that when this maintenance is carried out, that the Town Team attend on occasion to enable their education on the maintenance of these areas to be developed.