

Comments from Cllr D Taylor:

It makes a mockery of decisions reached by Full Council, particularly those supported by 100% of elected members, if their vote in favour of a Pollinator Action Plan to protect bees is undermined by a Council commitment to continue the use of glyphosate (trademarked as "RoundUp") which research suggests is contributing to the global decline in bees, along with the loss of habitat.

Sources:

Glyphosate perturbs the gut microbiota of honey bees.

<https://www.pnas.org/content/115/41/10305>

The Herbicide Glyphosate Negatively Affects Midgut Bacterial Communities and Survival of Honey Bee during Larvae Reared in Vitro.

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.jafc.8b02212>