

## **Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency**

**Tuesday, 29 April 2025**

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency held on Tuesday, 29 April 2025. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democratic Services no later than 4pm on the fifth working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet, please contact Reece Williams.

#### **5. PUBLIC REALM - SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS**

Resolved:

That the Executive Member:

- i. Considered the two petitions received by the Council and considered if the actions already undertaken and proposals contained within this report address the concerns raised.

Reason: To inform the future direction in the management of parks, open spaces and the Bar Walls to ensure they are managed appropriately and that the council can work with relevant groups to deliver these changes.

- ii. Noted the outcomes of the weed treatment programme in 2024 and approved the recommended approach for 2025, and future years, to continue with two applications, as set out in the report, and work with contractors to reduce the amount of glyphosate used in the treatment of weeds across the city.

Reason: To note the progress towards reducing the amount of glyphosate used in the treatment of weeds across the city delivering on the Council Plan.

- iii. Noted the content of the report and supported the changes proposed in the report in respect of the management of verges and open space in selected areas.

Reason: To build climate resilience and adaptation to climate change and improve the biodiversity of our green spaces by determining how these spaces will be managed in the future; recognising the importance of maintaining and looking after our city but that not all changes can be made immediately.

- iv. Noted the content of the report and supported the expansion of sustainable planting across the city.

Reason: Sustainable and pollinator friendly planting is the Council's adopted policy.

- v. Noted that a separate report would be brought forward on the Parks Investment Fund detailing how this new budget would be used for the effective management and maintenance of the park's assets. The fund would also be used to make improvements to parks and open space across the city but particularly to deliver the Council's ambition to have more Green Flag parks.

Reason: To inform the future direction in the management of parks, open spaces to ensure they are managed appropriately and that the council can work with relevant groups to deliver these changes.