

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
BIG GREEN WEEK

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The Great Big Green Week is a UK wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It takes place between 24th September and 2nd October this 2022 and aims to 'unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet'. The objectives of the Big Green Week align with the council's Nature Action Plan and the council's objectives having declared a Climate Emergency. In May, the Town Clerk submitted a grant application for funding to enable Knutsford to participate. The Town Council has been offered a grant of £2,000.

2.0 PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The objective of the Big Green Week is to encourage action to tackle climate change and protect the environment. The following programme is suggested to utilise the grant:

- a) Coordinated litter picks – liaising with local Friends groups to see if a number of litter picks could be held across the period with the Town Ranger (and councillors) leading additional litter picks in some areas. Some funding would be utilised to purchase additional litter picking equipment
- b) Organise a 'community climate conversation' - a community discussion on how the town can work together to tackle climate change. This would form the basis of establishing a working group to lead tackling climate change in the community.
- c) Organise a small 'community expo' featuring some talks on how to reduce your carbon footprint and an opportunity to learn more about solar panels, air source heat pumps, electric bikes, composting etc e.g. by meeting with manufacturers/installers. This could take place in the Council Offices and Gardens or in the town centre.
- d) A portion of the funding would contribute towards the second *Knutsford Big Bulb Plant* which would run at the same time.
- e) Hosting a community tree exchange – where unwanted trees can be donated and collected by residents for planting

In addition, the council would liaise with community organisations to see if their activity could create a wider programme, e.g. Crosstown Community Orchard hosting a workshop, Knutsford Allotment Society giving tours of the allotments etc.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should consider the proposed activity for the Big Green Week utilising the awarded £2,000 grant.