

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

GASKELL AVENUE PLANTING SCHEME

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Agenda Item 9
Prepared by Town Clerk



1.0 BACKGROUND

In September, Full Council approved the council taking responsibility for the maintenance of the new verge created at Gaskell Avenue and resolved that this committee agree a suitable low maintenance planting scheme, giving consideration to including a bench and utilising setts removed from the street as part of a landscaping scheme.

2.0 PROPOSED SCHEME

Since the September meeting, discussion has taken place with Knutsford in Bloom who have agreed to maintain the area with their volunteers. The group has developed plans for a suitable low maintenance planting scheme comprising:

- Hydrangea
- Cornus
- Bergenia
- Miscanthus
- Weigela

It is planned to lay weed suppressant matting and mulch to reduce the requirement for weeding. Knutsford in Bloom volunteers will maintain the space so it is not envisaged to require any regular support from the Town Ranger.

The scheme proposed by Knutsford in Bloom does not utilise setts. It was suggested that a bench could be installed but this has not been taken forward by Knutsford in Bloom.

The contractors which undertook the Canute Place works, George Cox, have agreed to sponsor the planting.

3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

As directed by Full Council, the committee should consider approval of the proposed scheme as outlined.