

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET ANY POLICY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2022

BRIEFING NOTE BRITAIN IN BLOOM

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Committee will be aware the Town Council have been part of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign since 2014 when the town was entered into the nationwide gardening competition. Britain in Bloom has inspired Tavistock's community groups, enabling positive changes to the local environment through horticultural, environmental and community action.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 Over the years the town's entry into the Sargent Cup has fared incredibly well, receiving Silver Gilt and Gold accolades. Working in partnership with Tavistock BID and the towns' volunteer community groups has enabled the working parties to reach huge milestones, not least the contribution to the environment which has been of notable interest to the respective judges.
- 2.2 This year the judging returned following the two-year hiatus due to the COVID19 pandemic and whilst the judging came at the peak of the drought, Tavistock in Bloom succeeded in achieving a Silver Gilt which is extremely positive and a credit to everyone's hard work and dedication in a challenging year. Tavistock BID won gold for their entry which was great news and the "In Your Neighbourhoods" also fared incredibly well in the competition.
- 2.3 The working partners (TTC, Tavistock BID and Tavistock Community Gardners) feel the experience of entering Britain in Bloom has provided an invaluable framework within which to reflect and evaluate the communities collaborative working going forward, and that now is an appropriate time to take a break from the competition. It has therefore been decided the town nor Tavistock BID will enter Britain in Bloom 2023 (excludes the "In Your Neighbourhood Schemes").

- 2.4 The Works Manager is determined the working partnership will continue to flourish and be the foundation for the towns' aspirations in regards to horticulture, environment and community projects. We will continue to deliver and develop the schemes which have been committed to as well as attempt to implement future aspirational initiatives for the town.
- 2.5 This report is for information only at this stage.

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WORKS MANAGER
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