



## MEETING PAPER

Subject: Item 48.2 Belle Vue Park circular bed

Meeting: AID Committee meeting

Date: 3 July 2023

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### Background/Introduction

A circular area in Belle Vue Park as pictured below has been identified as a potential hazard, and the Parks and Open Spaces Sub-Committee has asked officers to deal with the immediate concerns and bring back plans for the area long term. Added to this, the circular area is in a central location in the park and currently looks visually unattractive:



Details

The immediate concern has been addressed by officers by raising the level of the edges of the bed to make it more visible:



Planting the bed to make it more visually attractive should be straightforward but will need to be progressed quickly to order the plants and get them in the ground. The Project and Committee Clerk has put together the following planting plan:



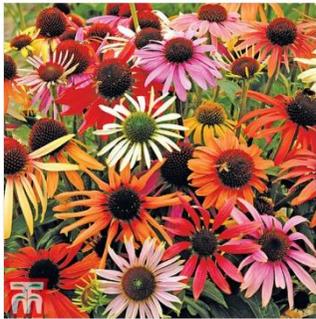
### Californian Poppy 'Jelly Beans'

- Hardy annual
- Flowers Jul – Aug
- Attracts bees
- 125 seeds - £0.89



### Dahlia 'Bee Party'

- Half-hardy annual
- Flowers Jul – Oct
- Attracts bees
- 40 seeds - £0.89



### Echinacea 'Primadonna Mixed'

- Hardy perennial
- Flowers Jul – Sep
- Attracts bees and butterflies
- 15 garden ready plants - £17.99



### Polyanthus 'Most Scented Mix'

- Hardy perennial
- Flowers Jan – May
- Fragrant
- 15 garden ready plants - £16.99



### Erysimum 'Artist Paintbox'

- Hardy perennial
- Flowers Apr – Jul
- Fragrant
- 6 jumbo plug plants - £12.99



### Erigeron 'Stallone'

- Hardy perennial
- Flowers May – Jul
- Combats weeds
- 15 garden ready plants - £14.99



### Primrose 'World's Most Scented Mix'

- Hardy perennial
- Flowers Jan – May
- Fragrant
- 24 plug plants - £9.99



### Snapdragon 'Circus Clowns'

- Half-hardy annual
- Flowers Jul – Sep
- Attracts pollinating insects
- 200 seeds - £0.89

The plan has been devised to bring colour, scent and year-round interest. Additionally, many of the plants selected are attractive to pollinators, are hardy species and should return year after year.

The plants identified above can be purchased within a maximum budget of £100. An additional budget of £150 would also be required for the purchase of topsoil and preparation of the bed.

#### Recommendations/Decision

- To consider approving a maximum budget of £250 to purchase the plants and topsoil and prepare the bed prior to planting.
- To delegate authority to officers to purchase the plants and proceed with preparing and planting the bed within the maximum approved budget.

