



## Policy and Resources Committee 13 December 2022

<b>Title</b>	<b>Member's Item in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	All
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	Non-key
<b>Enclosures</b>	None
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### Summary

The report informs the Committee of a Member's item and requests instructions from the Committee.

### Officers Recommendations

1. That the Committee's instructions are requested in relation to the Member's item.

#### 1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 A Member of the Committee has requested that the item tabled below is submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Member	Item
Councillor Barry Rawlings	<p><b>Biodiversity</b></p> <p>Requesting that an amount equivalent to £250 per councillor from existing Area Committee funding can be set aside for residents to apply directly for small projects on their streets that increase biodiversity. Applications will be directed to the biodiversity officer and natural environment champion to recommend to the relevant Area Committee for consideration.</p>

## 2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instructions.

## 3. Alternative options considered and not recommended

- 3.1 Not applicable

## 4. Post decision implementation

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

## 5. Implications of decision

### Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan priorities, and other relevant policies.

### 5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### 5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member

(including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

#### **5.4 Insight**

5.4.1 Not applicable.

#### **5.5 Social Value**

5.5.1 Not applicable.

#### **5.6 Risk Management**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.7 Equalities and Diversity**

5.7.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

#### **5.8 Corporate Parenting**

5.8.1 None identified in the context of this report – any substantive report will consider the implications in detail.

#### **5.9 Consultation and Engagement**

5.9.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.10 Environmental Impact**

5.10.1 Any substantive report will consider the implications in detail.

### **6. Background papers**

6.1 Email from Councillor Barry Rawlings to the Governance Service