

Proposal form for items for consideration by Overview Committee



Submitted by: Cllr Anne Hall

Date submitted: 20/06/23

Item for Consideration: Grass cutting in urban areas with the management of re-wilding areas

Expected outcome (i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, improve the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas): new policy

Priority for matter to be considered (please tick):

High (up to 3 months)	
Medium (3 to 6 months)	X
Low (over 9 months)	

Basis on which priority has been set:

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate)

a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control	X
b) It is a new policy area or service area of activity to be developed and introduced	
c) It is a policy area which has been required for some time and is due for development	
d) It is a major proposal for change	
e) It is an issue raised via complaints received	X
f) It is an area of public concern: Health & safety of play areas; health and safety of junctions and footpaths	X
g) It would be of benefit to residents of the district: it would be a cohesive, logical approach to give all towns, and presentable face.	X

Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address? Environmental impact

Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?): End of December, to make sure policy is in place for the start of the growing season, dependent on seasonal weather can start as early as late February.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

What do you wish to achieve from the review? A more balanced approach to give the right impression to residents and tourists.

Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable? Yes

Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness? In the short term, possibly no, but after a couple of years, yes.

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked:

Grass cutting and re-wilding is in EDDC remit. Numerous complaints received about children's play areas where children normally play football, where they now can't due to too long grass.

Please can you return the completed form to Democratic Services via email to democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS

MO Agreement for progression to officers for scoping.

Date:12/07/2023