



Subject:	Motion – Greening of Derelict Spaces
Date:	9th October, 2018
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention the Notice of Motion re: the Greening of Derelict Spaces which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 1st October.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Council, at its meeting on 1st October, considered the following Notice of Motion which had been moved by Councillor Kyle and seconded by Councillor Attwood:

“Creating green spaces in cities produces significant benefits, not least in the area of mental health. Recent research has shown a 40% reduction in feelings of depression and a 50% reduction in feelings of worthlessness among residents, as a result of greening derelict plots of land. The benefits were even greater in areas of deprivation.

Simple interventions, such as clearing rubbish, sowing grass, planting trees and marking the boundary with a low fence, can produce health benefits, remove eyesores and reduce antisocial behaviour.

This Council will carry out an audit to identify derelict sites in public ownership. It will establish a budget in the coming year and engage with other statutory bodies in order to create a programme of work whereby derelict plots of land are cleared, grassed and fenced, thus enhancing neighbourhoods and improving wellbeing.”

3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

Financial and Resource Implications

3.3 None.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.4 None.

4.0 Appendices - Documents Attached

None