

Report No 4

Town Promotion and Tourism Committee 3 October 2013

Redesign of Small Garden Area

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To invite the committee to agree to commission work to revamp the small garden area on the corner of Oxford Street and Cross Hayes Lane.

2 Background

2.1 The small garden area has established trees, but no longer has any under-tree planting and is bare earth which is unsightly and grows weeds.

2.2 A similar small garden area next to it was revamped last year, covered with weed-proof membrane and bark chippings and replanted with more permanent plants in order to reduce the maintenance required.

2.3 In the past both areas have been planted with seasonal summer plants, but neither has been particularly successful, and both were looking less than attractive. The work on the first site has proved successful and enhanced the area.

3 Proposal

3.1 To cover the garden area with weed-proof membrane and bark chippings.

3.2 To prune the trees to open up the garden area to allow more light onto the ground.

3.3 To agree either to replant with more permanent suitable plants, or agree to an alternative use to be proposed.

3.4 To agree the expenditure needed to carry out the work.

4 Financial Implications:-

4.1 The cost of the weed-proof membrane and bark chippings will be in the region of £250 - £300.