

---

**TITLE: Hanging Baskets**

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Author: Tourism and Town Centres Manager

[ Q120]

---

1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To reduce the grant for hanging baskets to City of Ely Council and Soham Town Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are recommended to approve the following:

- i) To decrease the grant to City of Ely Council and Soham Town Council by 50% for 2016/17
- ii) To cease the grant to City of Ely Council and Soham Town Council from 2017/18.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Over the years, the District Council has provided a grant of £2,934 to City of Ely Council and £1,230 to Soham Town Council as a contribution towards their hanging baskets. City of Ely Council and Soham Town Council have been the only Councils to receive such a grant.

4.0 PROPOSALS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The management and distribution of these grants rests with the Tourism and Town Centres Service and Commercial Services Committee respectively. The Tourism and Town Centres Service Plan 2015/16 has an overarching objective to achieve financial neutrality by 2017/18.

4.2 In order to achieve this objective the Tourism and Town Centres Manager has reviewed the financial commitments of the Service. The reduction and ultimate cessation of the Hanging Baskets grant has been identified as a cost saving measure and it is the responsibility of each respective Local Council to provide hanging baskets in their City/Town.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Reduction in the Council's budget of £2,082 in 2016/17 and £4,164 in 2017/18.

5.2 No Impact and Needs Risk Assessment required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 None.

---

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
None	Oliver Cromwell's House	Tracey Harding, Tourism and Town Centres Manager