

12 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY ORCHARDS, TASK & FINISH GROUP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community and the Democratic Services Manager as contained on pages 151 to 168 of the Book of Reports, which highlighted to Members, areas recommended by Task & Finish Group for development of Community Orchards and seeks approval for Community Consultation around the areas identified, and approval for work to commence at sites which achieve 50%+ positive feedback from consultation

The Environmental Sustainability Manager gave an update to the Committee who agreed that the idea of community boards to give information on maintenance and variety of fruit trees, were a good idea.

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Community Environmental Improvements, Including Community Orchards, Task and Finish Group Meetings held on the 18 October 2022 (Appendix 1 of the report) and 17 November 2022 (Appendix 2 of the report) be noted.
2. That the areas recommended by the Task & Finish Group for potential development of Community Orchards, set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be endorsed.
3. That approval from Cabinet be sought to carry out a Community Consultation around the shortlisted areas identified.
4. That approval from Cabinet be sought to give Delegate Powers to the Corporate Director of Place & Community, to commence work on those proposed Community Orchard Sites, that receive a 50%+ positive feedback from consultation to enable Planting to commence within the appropriate season.
5. That the principal of installing Information Boards at each of the Community Orchard sites, subject to budget provision, be endorsed.