

48 **MEADOW AREAS**

The Clean and Green Operations Manager introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources as contained on pages 279 to 306 which requested that the Committee considered and endorsed approval of the introduction of Meadow Areas into the Borough to improve biodiversity, pollinators, and invertebrates and to meet the commitments of the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- Involvement of local schools
- Hiring of machinery
- Promotion of the proposals via pop up stalls/website
- Consultation process

RESOLVED:

1. That the areas recommended for the potential creation of Meadow Areas be endorsed as identified in Appendix 1 as appended to the report; and
2. That approval from Cabinet be sought to conduct a 4-week public consultation around the Meadow Areas identified in Appendix 1; and
3. That the report be noted; and
4. That the Committee recommend approval from Cabinet be sought, that delegated authority be given to the Head of Environmental Services in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders, to work on the proposed Meadow Areas that receive a 50%+ positive feedback following consultation, to enable the creation of Meadow Areas at the start of the grass growing season; and;
5. That Committee recommend that approval from Cabinet be sought that the information signage be installed at each public open spaces site accessed by members of the public that will provide information on Meadow Areas and the benefits of natural meadows as attached to the report at Appendix 5.