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Agenda Item Number 10.....

Title Improved planting.....

Details The well being of tenants and residents relies not only on housing improvements but also the areas around them.....In 2015 four involved tenants were given the opportunity to improve old,neglected shrub beds which were requested by tenants of Skelmersdale....The applicants were fully involved in the selection of plants...and a local garden centre carried out the work..The condition for the planting improvements was that the applicants maintained the new beds themselves.This gave ownership and a sense of pride that their involvement had helped to give a new look to their area.....A bulb giveaway was also organised with the help of the Concourse.This proved very popular.with tenants resulting in almost 400 gardens in ocolour in Spring 2016.

The project proved that tenants are very interested in improvements to their neighborhoods with a desire to see colour as they step outside.

There is an understanding of the cost of replanting ,however including tenants in the planning,and choice of plants would have the benefit of pride and desire for further improvements.

Bushes and shrubs look well,however the maintenance is expensive .Less shrubbery with inclusion of perennial bulbs giving all year colour was a popular idea from tenants.

The smaller islands leading into estates could be planted in a similar fashion to those in ormskirk and the areas leading out of Skelmersdale.

Members may be interested to know that a small budget of £7000 produced seven improvements ,the bulb giveaway and the costs charged by the gardeners.

I welcome any questions.

Name Hazel Scully

Dated 23 / 02 / 2017.....

(Photographs appended)

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