



Full Council 14th June 2022

Report Title; East Midlands In Bloom Entry Submitted by; Debra Townsend (Town Clerk)

1. Approval

Report for recommendation to Council for approval. This has been submitted directly to Council on the grounds that an urgent decision is required.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 An entry has been made for a number of years into the East Midlands in Bloom competition in which Belper has been very successful winning a number of awards.
- 2.2 This competition is very much focused on community involvement.
- 2.3 The current volunteer coordinator of the Belper in Bloom organisation has recently resigned from this position.
- 2.4 Whilst planting and preparation for the competition has continued by the Town Council's Outdoor Team, no preparation has been done on the portfolio, route planning for the judges, coordination of volunteers etc.
- 2.5 This is a large amount of work and whilst Officers are able to provide support for this, it is imperative that it is led by a volunteer who can engage with other volunteers and members of the community.
- 2.6 The East Midlands in Bloom Guidance document is attached for information at Appendix A.

3. Financial Implications

None

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that either;

- a) A volunteer be identified who will take on the challenge of completing the entry including the outstanding actions identified in 2.4.**

or

- b) That this years East Midlands in Bloom entry be withdrawn, and all efforts be made to ensure that the organisation is in place to ensure a successful entry in 2023.**

Members and residents can be assured that if this recommendation is agreed, all planting and maintenance of the floral displays in Belper will remain to the highest standard as expected to ensure Belper remains a beautiful place to live and work.