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Report Originator	Brendan Coleman Head of Environmental Care Services	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i>	
Wards Affected	All	12 th April 2017	
Title	LOCAL POLLINATOR STRATEGY		

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Rowley

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To receive and approve Local Pollinator Strategy and to consider the recommendations of the Local Pollinator Strategy Task and Finish Group

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Pollinator Strategy Task and Finish Group was established by the Research and Development Committee, following a successful motion at Council in December 2014, to explore ways in which the Council could seek to improve the plight of pollinators both in its own activities and by influencing others by its own example
- 2.2 The Task and Finish Group met four times between July 2015 and January 2017 to consider its approach, survey the Council's current activities, take evidence from individuals and groups, and to formulate the final strategy attached as **Appendix A**.
- 2.3 The aims of this strategy are to ensure that where possible pollinators are considered in decision making processes and land management.
- 2.4 The final strategy was circulated to all evidence providers for comment and no adverse responses were received.
- 2.5 The Research and Development Committee at its meeting on 7th February 2017 recommended approval of the final Local Pollinator Strategy to the Executive Committee alongside the following recommendations:-
 1. The group would welcome the introduction of an online toolkit that addresses the selection of correct pollinator friendly species from window box to major developments and details additional methods of assisting pollinating insects. In addition, the toolkit to allow for feedback to be supplied from individuals and groups in relation to their pollinating successes.
 2. The group would like to see the strategy as an item of report to Full Council.

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3. The group would request that the strategy be reviewed annually through the appropriate scrutiny committee as per the action to review that forms part of the strategy itself.
4. The group recommend that this strategy be embedded, wherever possible, within the planning system at KBC.
5. The group request that the Executive consider a small budget to pay for cards themed on KBC's pollinator strategy with attached seeds for the public to pick up for free in council buildings

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is requested to:-

1. Approve the Local Pollinator Strategy as recommended by the Research and Development Committee; and
2. Consider the recommendations made by the Local Pollinator Strategy Task and Finish Group

Background Papers: Research and Development Committee 7.2.17