

8 BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND IN BLOOM (AN128-2005)

Following discussions with the Beautiful Scotland in Bloom organisers, Dundee has been encouraged to enter this competition in 2005.

Approval is sought for the Director of Leisure & Arts in consultation with the relevant council departments and community groups to progress the appropriate application for Dundee's entry into this year's Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Competition. Entry into the competition will raise Dundee's profile in respect of Environmental initiatives and encourage further close working between council departments and community groups.

Recent regeneration work undertaken within the city, improved floral displays and the continued development of environmental projects undertaken in partnership with local communities will help Dundee's entry meet the Beautiful Scotland criteria, which cover: -

Horticultural, Seasonal and Permanent planting
Sustainable Development and Biodiversity
Local Environmental Quality cleanliness and maintenance
Public participation e.g. community involvement

There is no cost to the Council to enter the competition and all work undertaken by the department in connection with the Dundee entry will be met from existing revenue budgets. Judging will take place from July onwards and the results announced in September.