

Council, it could be considered wasteful with bedding plants being used for a time limited period before being dug up and composted

More pressure on operational team – currently limited resilience

There would be cost

<p>Examples of perennial displays can be seen in Appendix 5. Note these images have been taken from existing council beds in Hermitage Park and community maintained beds in Campbeltown.</p>	<p>need to dispose/compost annual plants each year</p> <p>Plants remain all year round with varying displays. In winter months particularly perennials will brighten up the bedding areas which would be empty with only bare soil with the existing annual planting.</p> <p>Ability to repurpose both nursery complexes</p> <p>Reduction in utility costs</p> <p>Reduction in fuel costs and transport</p> <p>Utilise staff on keeping beds tidy rather than annual planting providing improved resilience</p> <p>Perennial plants provide a habitat for insects, bird and other mammals year round providing biodiversity benefits. This also aligns with SG's Nature</p>	<p>colourful displays should be available in the first season.</p>	<p>This initiative may be eligible for funding through SGs Nature Restoration Fund.</p>	<p>£31k per annum (current cost of purchase of plants).</p> <p>This assumes care and maintenance remains at similar level. However, potential savings which will be better understood post implementation.</p>
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Restoration Funding

5.5.3 Islands – none known.

5.6 Climate Change – due regard will be given to climate change with a view to minimising any climate change impact and these will be considered as and when they arise. There is scope to reduce carbon footprint associated with planting through the introduction of perennials.

5.7 Risk – none known.

5.8 Customer Service