



<b>Full Council</b>	<b>Tuesday, 24 September 2019</b>	<b>Matter for Information and Decision</b>
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**Report Title:** **Community Garden at Blaby Road Park, South Wigston**

**Report Author(s):** **David Gill (Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer)**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To seek Council approval for the creation of a Community Garden on Blaby Road Park in South Wigston
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The report sets out the details of a request made on behalf of Garden Organics to establish the Community Garden.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>A. Council approves the application to create a Community Garden in Blaby Road Park, South Wigston; and B. Council delegates the decision regarding the location within the park and the terms on which a license is granted to the Head of Law &amp; Democracy in consultation with the Ward Members and appropriate officers.</b>
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<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1) Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Teamwork (V3)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
Legal:	The implications are as set out at paragraph 1.5 of this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	No corporate risk(s) identified.
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	Click to select comment.

Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
<b>Consultees:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Members</li> </ul>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community Garden at Blaby Road Park South Wigston - Proposal and Presentation (August 2019)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 On 3 September 2019, Members of the Service Delivery Committee received a presentation from Julie Roberts, a Leicester Master Garden Volunteer co-ordinator working on behalf of Garden Organics.
- 1.2 The presentation proposed the creation of a Community Garden on an area of Blaby Road Park in South Wigston and set out in detail the vision and history of the proposal.
- 1.3 A copy of the proposal and presentation is set out in the background papers to this report which can be accessed via the link above.
- 1.4 Following the presentation, there was a discussion amongst Members who were supportive of the scheme and they requested that a report be brought to this meeting of the Council with a recommendation that Members approve the creation of a Community Garden.
- 1.5 It was also proposed that if the necessary legal agreement required to permit the scheme could not be agreed before this meeting, delegated authority should be granted to Officers to agree the detail and progress the matter as quickly as possible.