

<b>Report on</b>	Communities in Bloom Awards Feedback
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform members of the success for Mid Ulster District following the Communities in Bloom Competition Awards in Canada.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Members will be aware that Council funded the entry fee into the 'Communities in Bloom' International Challenge 2017 for Britain in Bloom winners Castlecaulfield.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Significant work was undertaken by Council in preparation for judging in the village which was carried out on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July. It was carried out by International Judges assessing tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, landscape and floral displays, as well as the level of community involvement and partnerships which are an essential element of the awards.
3.2	The awards events were held in Canada on the 15th and 16th September 2016 and attended by members of Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society. The village won the International 'Small Category' winner, and International Floral Display Overall Winner.
3.3	Judges feedback and details of the Castlecaulfield entry category is detailed in the appendices enclosed.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: Within resources  Human: Within resources
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  None.

4.3	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  None.
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – CIB Judges Evaluation feedback
6.2	Appendix 2 – CIB Entry Category Finalists