**LISKEARD TOWN CENTRE PLANTING**

Liskeard town council is inviting submissions to provide the planting in the town centre from autumn 2015.

Please submit to the Town Clerk, Liskeard Town Council **by 9am on Monday 13 April 2015**:

* Your costed proposals on how you will meet our brief.
* Examples of similar successful planting schemes.
* Two references from other clients.

To discuss this further please e-mail Cllr Lorna Shrubsole on james.shrubsole@gmail.com.

**Success criteria**

* The plants make a major contribution to the attractiveness of the town centre, with a clear colour scheme (to be agreed with the town council) and a range of sizes and shapes.
* The plants provide interest and colour all year round.
* The plants are suited to their locations and will do well in a range of weathers.
* The plants only need minimal maintenance, for example not needing substantial pruning or deadheading during the season.
* The contract provides good value for money.

**Issues to consider**

* What should be the right balance between permanent/multi season planting and annual bedding?
* How can the plants appeal to a range of senses?
* What is the scope for enhancing the natural environment, especially by including plants which are good for insects?

**What is needed**

The contract covers plants and detailed planting schemes to provide year-round interest for the 9 town centre beds and one roundabout shown in the attached table, diagrams and photographs.

It also includes plants for hanging baskets, troughs and grow bags in the summer. In addition to its own requirements the Town Council coordinates the provision of these items for local businesses. In 2014 35-40 containers were used and it is hoped to significantly increase this number. It would be useful to have costs for plants per container. The containers are re-used from year to year. The contractor would need to plant up all hanging baskets and containers and delivery to the Town Council’s nominated contractor for putting up and maintaining hanging baskets and the planting.

We have an existing contractor who undertakes the planting, watering and maintenance.

The current arrangement is for two plantings – one in May and one in October. You may wish to propose a different approach but this needs to start in October 2015 and not to require significantly more work from our current contractor.