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Scottish Executive agenda to improve
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GARDENS AND GARDENING: ECONOMY

PROPOSED SUPPORTIVE CO-ORDINATED ACTIONS FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

‘Choosing our Future –Scotland’s Sustainable development strategy 2005 ‘

ACTION

RECOGNISE all gardening jobs are green

Scottish Enterprise

The horticultural industry is worth £500M in Scotland with at least 20% growth forecast

ACTION

SUPPORT gardening as a growth industry

Employment

The horticultural industry is one of the largest employers in Scotland.

ACTION

PROMOTE career opportunities

Tourism

Gardens are important visitor attractions.

40 m visitors a year contribute £3 billion to the economy.

ACTION

ENCOURAGE gardens and garden festivals and networks of market gardens and nurseries.

‘Plant for Life campaign’ and ‘Flora Celtica’

Growing stock is worth almost 50% of horticultural sales

ACTION

PROMOTE the market for native plants and support local small scale enterprises that supply and use native plant products

Gardens and gardening increase the overall well being of the Nation economically, physically and mentally. They could drive forward employment, health, communities, biodiversity, environment and education. This potential growth should be championed in a vision for Scotland’s gardens.

It is suggested that, within the time of this Parliament, **the First Minister** recognizes the importance of gardening to the well-being of the nation and instructs:

- a representative body to produce a strategy and action plan for a nationwide commitment to a gardening agenda.
- government agencies involved with employment and economic opportunities to assess the contribution the gardening sector could make to Scotland by improving the local environment, creating new business and making a real, practical difference to the urban and rural land-scape.
- the health service to recognise and promote the contribution gardening makes to health and well being.
- local authorities to make long term strategic provision for accessible gardening for local communities thus providing the means to implement the requirements of the planning regulations.
- councils, public agencies, professional bodies, education establishments, gardening societies to develop, in partnership, a range of policies which include the design and implementation of national and regional programmes of management, gardening skills and environmental research.