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GARDENS AND GARDENING: QUALITY OF LIFE

PROPOSED SUPPORTIVE CO-ORDINATED ACTIONS FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

‘Regeneration Policy 2006: the lasting transformation for the better of places and communities’ and ‘capturing the unrealized potential of people and places must be at the heart of our approach to regeneration’

Glasgow City Council Local Plan Review 1998 says people migrate from the city because ‘first priority is buying a bigger house with a garden in a better quality environment’ The Horticultural Trades Association review shows that 60% of adults enjoy gardening but 29% of the population have no garden.

ACTION

INCLUDE space for gardens in all regeneration plans

Access to gardening:

In Glasgow only 25% of the population have access to gardening opportunities and this falls to 6% in some areas. 67% of the population do not own a car and in some areas this rises to 84%. Gardening opportunities must be within walking distance.

ACTION

ACCEPT that lack of the opportunity to garden is an environmental justice issue.

Land Use planning system:

Through the planning legislation, planners and the local authorities have the power to insist new developments and regeneration schemes include and implement areas of quality greenspace

ACTION

REVIEW the implementation of the Planning Act and the Scottish Planning Policy 11

Greenspace Audits

ACTION

REQUIRE local authorities to analyse their data on gardens and allotments using the Multiple Deprivation Index

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.