



WRITTEN QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EAGLE

Keep Scotland Beautiful

A local action group in Buckie, Buckie Roots, has worked hard for a few years now to maintain previous council flower beds and make the town of Buckie beautiful. I commend highly their work and their success in reaching level 4 of the 'it's your neighbourhood' Keep Scotland Beautiful award. A huge achievement and a credit to the hard work of the group. I hope all in the committee share our thanks to the volunteers involved.

I am aware that like Buckie many areas have groups similarly involved in looking after flowerbeds and litter picking.

I have been passed information as at the link below relating to Keep Scotland Beautiful roadside litter campaign and their offer to work with local authorities and communities to reduce the impact of litter.

Has consideration been given to Moray Council joining this campaign?

The link for information is –

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/roadside-litter-campaign/take-action/local-authorities/>

RESPONSE

I am pleased to be able to confirm that we will, as we have in previous years, be participating in the Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) Spring Clean. This year the Spring Clean is taking place between the 21 March and the 21 April. KSB are in the process of finalising details and will be distributing information prior to Saturday 12 February.

We have been in touch with our colleagues in the Communications and Media Teams and an officer in KSB and confirm that our approach will include :-

- Issuing a series of communications that will include key messages and information on the Spring Clean before and during the Spring Clean . This will

include links to KSB information so that communities can access information packs, litter guidance and FAQs, supporters and communications packs with posters etc.

- Moray Council will continue to provide communities who wish to organise litter picks in their communities by providing black bags, disposable gloves, loaning litter pickers and lastly collecting the refuse at a pre-arranged time and place.