

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Glyphosate – Invasive Species
Committee : Environment & Climate Committee
Date : 9 Oct 2023
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report sets out recommendations concerning the use of glyphosates on invasive species, by the City Council across its estate.

2. Background:

- 2.1. Salisbury City Council (SCC) has Japanese knotweed (an invasive species) growing in a number of areas across its estate; Churchfields, Harnham Rec, Churchill Gardens & Milford Hollow.
- 2.2. SCC has a legal responsibility to stop Japanese knotweed from spreading off of our property & land and could be prosecuted for it causing to spread. This is under the provisions made within Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- 2.3. Soil or plant material contaminated with non-native and invasive plants like Japanese knotweed can cause ecological damage and may be classified as controlled waste.
- 2.4. On 20 Sep 2021, SCC's Services Committee agreed to cease the use of herbicides containing glyphosate across its estate.
- 2.5. Since 20 Sep 2021, SCC have trialled various glyphosate alternatives, including acetic acid and whilst some success has been had with smaller areas of Japanese knotweed, it has had minimal effect on larger areas.

3. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee

- 3.1. agree a revised use of glyphosate in connection with the control and eradication of invasive species, where non-glyphosate products are not effective.

4. Wards Affected: All

5. Background Papers: Report to Services Committee 20 Sep 2021 (Doc 83660)

6. Implications:

6.1. **Financial:** None in relation to this report

6.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report

6.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

6.4. **Environmental Impact:** As outlined in this report

6.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** None in relation to this report