

Putting Green flower beds, Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea.

Information supplied by Colchester City Council.

Option 1

To remove all existing plant material. Install a membrane over the soil and install stone for a small dinghy to be placed on and filled with soil and planted with annual bedding plants.

This would be similar to the flower boats near the Two Sugars Café and on Colchester Road, near the Glebe Sports Ground and by the West Mersea Library. West Mersea Beach Hut Watch with potential third party would then look after and maintain the boats going forward.

Option 2

Maintain the beds as a "dry garden" including plants that are found on the seashore with rocks, oyster shells and pebbles. This would be maintained by the Council and would only receive four visits per year to maintain it.

Option 3

To remove all existing plant material. Install a membrane over the soil and install stone for a small dinghy to be placed on and filled with soil and planted with hardy plants* that are found on the seashore with rocks, oyster shells and pebbles

*plants that can survive in challenging conditions, including cold temperatures, harsh environments, and poor soil. They are resilient and tough and can be a great addition to outdoor spaces.

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If we can obtain consensus, we would like to undertake this work prior to the end of March.