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Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	1st December 2026
Report Title	Great British Spring Clean 2027
Agenda Reference	13b
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Officers Recommendation:

1. That the Council supports the Great British Spring Clean 2027 by promoting the campaign locally and encouraging residents, schools and community groups to get involved.
2. That the Council hosts two community litter picks during this time.

Great British Spring Clean 2027
The Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy, will take place from **12–28 March 2027**, with public pledging opening on 12 February 2027.

The campaign encourages individuals, schools, community groups and local authorities to take part in litter picking and help improve their local environments.

The Council can support the campaign by promoting participation, encouraging local community groups and schools to organise litter picks, and providing support and resources to volunteers. Free litter-picking bags may also be available through Keep Britain Tidy, subject to availability.

Pledge
Previously, the Council has pledged to collect 200 bags over the two-week period. This is achievable throughout the regular volunteer litter pickers of which we have over 50, bolstered by Councillor litter picks and the Parks & Open Spaces Team duties, as well as some organised community litter picks if the Council would like to host some events during this time.

There is no penalty or compromise if the 200 bags are not collected. It is just a far-reaching target to gain momentum, and the pledges are added to the campaign as a round total for Keep Britain Tidy to measure the campaign success rate.

Impact in 2026 ***https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean***
"We're delighted to announce that 585,038 Litter Heroes pledged to collect an incredible 451,887 bags during the Great British Spring Clean 2026. That's equivalent to 1,695 tonnes (the same weight as 16 blue whales) of litter removed from the places it doesn't belong. From cities, towns, and villages, from coastlines to mountaintops, our army of volunteers came together to take action for their local areas."

Community Led Action Plan 2026-2029 Alignment

- **Haydon Wick: A Clean and Well-Maintained Place**
  Our aim: Clean streets, well-maintained green spaces, and safe, accessible paths and play areas.
- **Haydon Wick: A Green and Sustainable Environment**
  Our aim: Protect wildlife, support climate action, and promote sustainable living.