
REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 14
DATE OF MEETING:	23RD NOVEMBER 2006	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	TREE INSPECTION REPORT - FEEDBACK	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:HCS10

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the response to the query raised by a Member at the last meeting of this Committee be noted.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To provide a written response to a query raised at the last meeting of this Committee

3.0 Detail

3.1 At the meeting of this Committee on 12th October 2006, Members considered a report on the progress made in the audit of the Council's stock of mature trees. In considering the report a query was raised about the Council's current policy regarding the replacement of felled trees with another of an appropriate species. Specifically, it was felt that this was approved as part of the policy that emerged from a Member report at the meeting on 24th August 2005.

3.2 In checking the minutes of this meeting it can be confirmed that the need to replace trees that are felled with one of an appropriate species was recorded as part of the discussion and is thus current Council policy in this area. With regard to the trees that are to be felled as a result of the audit each of these will be replaced as per the Council's policy.

3.3 When considering the update on the tree audit a number of other queries were raised. These included clarification on the number of trees to be felled and a request from the Ward Members for Stenson that they be updated on the findings of the audit of the mature tree stock in their ward. Responses have been provided to the Members who raised the queries. It has also been agreed that as the audit progresses an update will be provided in the Members' Bulletin. It is also suggested that towards the end of the officer's secondment that a presentation be made to this Committee further updating Members on the main findings of the audit and the issues arising.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 A properly managed stock of mature trees is an important community asset.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 It is confirmed that the Council have an existing policy to replace trees that are felled with another of an appropriate species.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Minutes of H&CS Committee dated 24th August 2005. Progress report on Tree Audit considered by the meeting of H&CS Committee on 12th October 2006