
TITLE: TREE STRATEGY 2018-2028

Committee: Regulatory Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To consider the draft Tree Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to approve the Tree Strategy 2018-2028, attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 The Planning Services – Service Delivery Plan 17/18 includes the development and delivery of a Tree Strategy. The Tree Strategy sets out how the council carries out its day to day business to deliver a professional tree service that meets the needs of our customers.

3.2 Government and professional tree organisations are actively encouraging the development and adoption of local strategies for tree management.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Tree Strategy consolidates the work carried out to deliver a professional Trees service for East Cambridgeshire.

4.2 Adopting a Tree Strategy would show the commitment of the council to improving the management of trees in East Cambridgeshire.

4.3 The Tree Strategy provides a framework for the management of trees in East Cambridgeshire in ways that can enhance life and wellbeing for people and wildlife.

4.4 The performance plan sets out how the objectives will be delivered.

4.5 The action plan sets out how and when specific actions will be delivered, and these will be reviewed on an annual basis.

4.6 The review will ensure the Tree Strategy is achieving the Council's aim and objectives. The action plan will be updated as part of the annual review during the next 10 years.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no financial implications as any expenditure will be met by the Tree Service budget allocation.

5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 - Tree Strategy 2018-2028.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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