

EXTRAPOLATION OF PRIORITIES AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE TREES AND WOODLAND STRATEGY

1. Summary

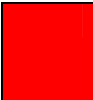

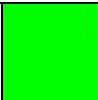
Overall achieving the elements set out in the updated Trees and Woodland Strategy will require the Council to continue to resource its current efforts and in some instances modify management practices. This may have financial implications which are considered in more detail below. In many instances the cost of managing the Council's trees and woodland can be offset by seeking external funding or other changes to landscape management practices which are less expensive than existing, which may allow additional funds to be released.

An overall failure to implement the Strategy would entail non compliance with its duty of care to maintain its trees and woods in a safe condition, failure to be worthy of Environment City status or to be able to present Peterborough as the UK's Environment Capital. Associated negative effects to quality of life and the economy and cultural heritage should also be expected as should a real risk to public safety

2. Financial implications

A detailed breakdown of financial implications for specific priorities cannot be currently shown as this will be informed by the tree risk management strategy and associated action plans formulated. If necessary these documents will form the basis of further funding bids, both internally and externally. It is however possible to demonstrate the significant number of elements already deliverable within existing budgets. Where tasks are potentially considered to be only partially deliverable or undeliverable without further resources these have been identified within the table below. A colour coding has been used accordingly as detailed within the key at the foot of this page.

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Reference	Policy/Priorities	Comments
	Deliverable within existing budgets	
CTWG 3.2	To ensure the best use of resources is made during the planning of operations.	Works ongoing
CTWG 3.3	To supplement the Council's spending by seeking additional funding from external sources where ever possible.	Works ongoing
CTWG 3.4	To realise any economic potential of trees, and woods, or materials generated from them, where this does not conflict with the other policies and priorities of the Strategy.	Works ongoing
CTWG 4.1	The removal of healthy trees in response to complaints shall be resisted unless the complaint has an overriding justification and no alternative management practice can be implemented.	Works ongoing
CTWG 5.2	Continue to support a voluntary urban tree warden scheme to work with officers to encourage community involvement in tree planting and management.	Works ongoing
CTWG 6.3	As and when the prospect arises, to work with other organisations to secure additional funding streams for the management of tree stock.	Works ongoing
ST1.2	Work with and monitor the activities of utility companies in order to minimise accidental operational damage to trees.	Works ongoing
ST2.1	To plant new and replacement street trees in appropriate sites, giving priority to streets where trees are currently standing or have been in the past.	Works ongoing
RA 1.2	Where replacement planting of any persuasion is inappropriate, to plant new trees nearby instead of the location that has been cleared.	Works ongoing
UW 2.1 – UW2.3	Produce a protocol for communicating details of tree works proposed and to be a good neighbour ensuring that operations are undertaken in a manner sensitive to the wishes of residents. To encourage public appreciation, recreational use enjoyment and community	Works ongoing

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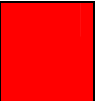
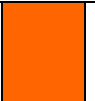
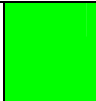
	<p>involvement.</p> <p>Introduce measures to control vandalism, unauthorised tipping, and the dumping of waste and litter and resident encroachment.</p>	
PT 1.1-1.2	<p>To utilise and enforce planning powers to retain and protect trees through TPO's and conservation area status</p> <p>To comment and advise on strategy and other initiatives which affect trees and woods.</p>	Works ongoing
PT2.1-2.7	<p>To be guided by best practice for a consistent approach to reviewing planning applications.</p> <p>To consider prosecution when conditions of consent are breached or there are breaches of TPO's or the requirements of Conservation Area regulations.</p> <p>Trees and Woods be given significant consideration within planning applications, requiring submission of surveys in accordance with British Standard 5837: 2005 "Trees In Relation to Construction- Recommendations"</p> <p>When granting permission set conditions for the retention, protection, planting and care of trees.</p> <p>Utilise commuted sums associated with Section 106 Agreements to fund the long term care of trees. To utilise and enforce planning powers to retain and protect existing trees threatened by new development including proposals for changes to existing properties.</p>	Works ongoing
PT3.1	To protect trees of amenity value.	Works Ongoing

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PT 4.1- 4.3	<p>To promote good standards of tree and woodland care.</p> <p>To encourage owners of notable trees that are worthy of protection to adopt best practices for tree care.</p> <p>To continue to support a tree warden scheme to reach and encourage volunteers and educate same with active involvement in trees.</p>	Works Ongoing
PT 5.1- 5.3	<p>To require developers to submit details of tree species and numbers within their proposals.</p> <p>To promote tree and wood planting where it is considered this will enhance general amenity.</p> <p>To encourage actions that will increase woodland in the locality.</p>	Works ongoing
TD 1.1	<p>To utilise and enforce planning powers to retain and protect existing trees within new development as well as trees threatened by proposed changes to existing properties.</p>	Works ongoing

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PP1.1-1.3	<p>The Council where appropriate will continue to protect significant trees.</p> <p>No objection or consent for works will be provided if the Council is satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The long term health and appearance of the tree is not impaired. • The work does not unjustifiably inhibit or prevent the full and natural development of the tree. • The work is necessary for the continued retention of the tree. • The work is consistent with good arboricultural practice. • The work is consistent with sound woodland management. <p>Consider TPO's for all appropriate trees on land no longer the responsibility of the Council.</p>	Works ongoing
	<p>Part deliverable yet more resources may be required Following the budget allocation within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) there will be an ongoing review of resource implications to deliver</p>	
CTWG1.1	To provide and maintain a computer system which enables accurate analysis of the tree and woodlands, facilitates the management of resources and enables their prioritisation.	Currently specified within the existing Enterprise contract. Without some extra resources this survey would have taken up to 7 years. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
CTWG 2.1	To set out risk management plans for the tree population.	This is a desire within the folio of documents that make up this strategy. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow the

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		development of such plans.
CTWG 2.2	To survey all Council owned trees and woods, incorporating risk management.	Currently specified within the existing Enterprise contract. Without some extra resources this survey will take up to 7 years. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
CTWG 2.3	To undertake maintenance works in support of duty of care.	Indications are that the move towards greater pro-active management will require additional resources. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow the works identified by survey to be undertaken.
CTWG 3.1	To provide plans for long term management and development of trees and woodlands as essential components within the landscape.	Some works are being delivered however future funding requirements will be reviewed as part of the ongoing delivery.
CTWG 5.1	To identify trees and woods of particular interest and develop a method of consultation with local residents and Parish Councils on works to be undertaken.	Some interest trees have been identified to-date. The budget allocation within the MTFS should assist delivery of this work.
CTWG 5.3	Develop a practical consultancy protocol supported by sufficient resources to ensure successful implementation.	Currently undertaken within existing Enterprise contract. Future resource implications will be reviewed.
CTWG 6.1	To develop a planting plan that sustains the tree population, with emphasis on the long-term replacement of mature and over mature trees.	Some work has already being undertaken however more resources required. The budget allocation within the MTFS should assist delivery of this work.
CTWG 6.2	Allocate a percentage of the total tree budget to fund the replacement of dead or inappropriate trees.	Currently only a small percentage of budgets can be allocated to replacement planting. Future resource implications will be reviewed.
ST1.1, RA1, POS1.1, VR1.1, OS1.1	To develop a robust cyclical management plan in conjunction with the risk management strategy and a detailed resource analysis.	Management plans are currently being created. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.

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ST2.2	In streets where tree planting is not possible in pavements or verges, to encourage residents to plant trees in their front gardens.	Some work has been undertaken however these opportunities will be investigated within ongoing works.
RA 1.1	To commence a removal, and where suitable, replacement program of trees that, in the judgment of a qualified arboriculturist, are clearly of a size and species inappropriate for their location.	Some work of this nature has been undertaken. However existing resources limit implementation. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
POS 1.2	To ensure that trees are fully integrated within management and improvement plans for Parks and open spaces.	Proposed within the current Enterprise contract. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of these plans.
POS 1.3	To commence a replacement program that incorporates a diverse range of tree species and where appropriate, to re-establish historic landscapes.	Works started however existing resources limit the replacement programme. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
CW 1.2 -1.12	<p>To maintain continuous tree cover and manage the woods towards sustainability.</p> <p>To make provision for public access.</p> <p>To maintain woodland boundaries, combat fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>To improve the range of habitats with the woods.</p> <p>To increase biodiversity, and control invasive species.</p> <p>To preserve the historic features in the woods.</p> <p>To increase the amount of standing and fallen deadwood where this does not compromise safety.</p> <p>To provide educational opportunities.</p>	Works initiated however the historic lack of management plans limits delivery. The budget allocation within the MTFS should start to allow the delivery of this work.

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	<p>Restore coppice interspersed with standards.</p> <p>Encourage suitable natural regeneration.</p> <p>Encourage community involvement where appropriate.</p> <p>To attempt to plant trees of local provenance</p>	
UW 1.2-1.11	<p>To manage the woodlands on towards sustainability.</p> <p>To manage the woods to provide continuous woodland cover.</p> <p>To maintain and enhance landscape amenity.</p> <p>To increase biodiversity and maximise wildlife habitats.</p> <p>To provide opportunities for improved access and recreation, where appropriate.</p> <p>To protect and preserve archaeological and cultural features.</p> <p>To include measures that can assist with adaptation to climate change as well as to maximise capacity for carbon sequestration.</p> <p>To identify potential new sites for woods and encourage their creation adjoining existing woods and where appropriate making full use of natural regeneration.</p> <p>Replacement trees to be established by natural regeneration and enrichment planting.</p> <p>To attempt to plant trees of local provenance</p>	<p>Works initiated however the lack of management plans limits delivery. The budget allocation within the MTFS should start to allow the delivery of this work.</p>

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VR1.2	To replace all trees which are removed in these areas and attempt to expand tree cover if appropriate.	Some work of this nature has been undertaken. However existing resources limit implementation to the desired level. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
VR 1.3	To replant using suitable native trees except where this would result in loss of familiar vernacular.	Some work of this nature has been undertaken. However existing resources limit implementation to the desired level. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more of this work to progress.
NRP1.1 1.7	<p>To develop a detailed Right Tree in the Right Place framework for guiding tree selection on existing Council sites as well as for observation within the planning process</p> <p>The Council will plant appropriate new and replacement trees to ensure that the current extent of tree coverage is maintained or expanded</p> <p>To incorporate aftercare into all maintenance programmes.</p> <p>Formulate a planting program with greatest priority given to appropriate sites in deprived communities, key transport corridors and gateways, large open spaces with little existing natural vegetation and finally areas within new developments in this order.</p> <p>Recognise local distinctiveness when selecting and planting trees</p> <p>Encourage community involvement, commemorative and sponsored planting schemes on Council land.</p> <p>Use planning conditions and Section 106 Agreements to secure tree planting and</p>	Some work of this nature has been undertaken. However existing resources limit implementation to the desired level. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.

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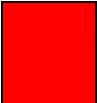

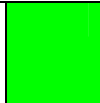
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	funding for tree subsequent establishment operations.	
LT1.1-1.2	To continue to survey trees and woods so as to find and then register all landmark trees. To extend the resources available to ensure that all landmark trees can be adequately maintained.	Some work of this nature has been undertaken. However existing resources limit implementation to the desired level. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
TD 1.2	To monitor and enforce planning conditions of consent where necessary.	Currently work of this nature is very reactive. Further resources would be required to deliver a fully proactive service. Future resource implications will be reviewed.
PP1.4	To maintain records of TPO's and complete the appraisal of older TPO's. Where necessary revoke old Orders and serve new.	Work commenced but insufficient resource to complete the project. The budget allocation within the MTFS should allow more rapid progression of this work.
	Potentially undeliverable without additional resources Following the budget allocation within the MTFS there will be an ongoing review of resource implications to deliver	
CTWG3.5	To develop a pest and disease control strategy in conjunction with neighbouring Council's where appropriate.	Currently not budgeted for. The budget allocation within the MTFS will allow the progression of this work.
CW1.1	To produce a Woodland Management Plan for all woodland owned by the City Council.	Achievable only with additional resources. The budget allocation within the MTFS should now allow progression of this work.
UW1.1	To produce an Urban Woodland Management Plan for all woodland owned by the City Council.	Achievable only with additional resources. The budget allocation within the MTFS should now allow progression of this work.

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