

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 City 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 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 UKs 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 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	Best Guess of % Delivered
	Deliverable within existing budgets		
CTWG 3.2	To ensure the best use of resources is made during the planning of operations.	Works ongoing	100
CTWG 3.3	To supplement the Council's spending by seeking additional funding from external sources where ever possible.	Works ongoing	100%
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	100%
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	100%
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	100%
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	100%
ST1.2	Work with and monitor the activities of utility companies in order to minimise accidental operational damage to trees.	Works ongoing	100%
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	100%

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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	100%
UW 2.1 – UW2.3	Produce a protocol for communicating details of tree works proposed and to be a good neighbours ensuring that operations are undertaken in a manner sensitive to the wishes of residents. To encourage public appreciation, recreational use enjoyment and community involvement. Introduce measures to control vandalism, unauthorised tipping, and the dumping of waste and litter and resident encroachment.	Works ongoing	100%
PT 1.1-1.2	To utilise and enforce planning powers to retain and protect trees through TPO's and conservation area status To comment and advise on strategy and other initiatives which affect trees and woods.	Works ongoing	100%
PT2.1-2.7	To be guided by best practice for a consistent approach to reviewing planning applications. To consider prosecution when conditions of consent are breached or there are breaches of TPO's or the requirements of Conservation Area regulations. 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"	Works ongoing	100%

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	<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>		
PT3.1	To protect trees of amenity value.	Works Ongoing	100%
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	100%
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	100%
TD 1.1	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.	Works ongoing	100%

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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	100%
	Part deliverable yet more resources may be required		
CTWG1.1	To provide and maintain a computer system which enable 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 the population of this database will	5%

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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. Currently resources to undertake this work are being discussed.	5%
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 7 years	2%
CTWG 2.3	To undertake maintenance works in support of duty of care.	Indications are that currently the move towards a greater extent of pro-active management will require additional resources.	5%
CTWG 3.1	To provide plans for long term management and development of trees and woodlands as essential components within the landscape.	Works being delivered yet possibly not to the desired extent.	10%
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. Resources may limit consultation at the level desired.	20%
CTWG 5.3	Develop a practical consultancy protocol supported by sufficient resources to ensure successful implementation.	Currently undertaken within existing Enterprise contract. Resources may limit consultation at the level desired.	20%
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 already being undertaken however more resources required.	5%
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 budget can currently allocated to replacement planting	75%
ST1.1, RA1, POS1.1,	To develop a robust cyclical management plan in conjunction with the risk management strategy and a	Management plans are currently being created, however the current short fall of	4%

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VR1.1, OS1.1	detailed resource analysis.	resources may limit the level of management below that necessitated to fulfil the Council's duty of care.	
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.	5%
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 resources limit implementation to the desired level.	20%
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 however resources may limit the progression of these plans.	5%
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 current resources limit the replacement program.	50%
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>	Works initiated however the lack of management plans limits delivery.	10%

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	<p>To provide educational opportunities.</p> <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>		
<p>UW 1.2-1.11</p>	<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</p>	<p>Works initiated however the lack of management plans limits delivery.</p>	<p>10%</p>

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	<p>regeneration and enrichment planting.</p> <p>To attempt to plant trees of local provenance</p>		
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 resources limit implementation to the desired level.	80%
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 resources limit implementation to the desired level.	60%
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>	Some work of this nature has been undertaken; however resources limit implementation to the desired level.	70%

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	Encourage community involvement, commemorative and sponsored planting schemes on Council land. Use planning conditions and Section 106 Agreements to secure tree planting and 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 resources limit implementation to the desired level.	10%
TD 1.2	To monitor and enforce planning conditions of consent where necessary.	Currently work of this nature is very reactive based. Further resources would be required to deliver a fully proactive service.	25%
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 resources ran out to complete the project	75%
	Potentially undeliverable without additional resources		
CTWG3.5	To develop a pest and disease control strategy in conjunction with neighbouring Council's where appropriate.	Currently not budgeted for.	0%
CW1.1	To produce a Woodland Management Plan for all woodland owned by the City Council.	Achievable only with additional resources.	0%

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UW1.1	To produce an Urban Woodland Management Plan for all woodland owned by the City Council with the following aspirations:	Achievable only with additional resources.	0%

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