EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – PLYMOUTH WINTER TREE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARD

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Philip Robinson	Signature:	A priser	Approval date:	26/06/2023
Overview:	The Winter Tree Maintenance Programme is an integral part of the care of the city's existing mature tree stock. Maintenance is required to ensure that these trees are maintained for the long term in line with the ambitions set out in the Plymouth Plan for Trees. The trees requiring maintenance are street trees and will be growing in proximity to buildings or highways and require either/or: • regular cyclical pruning or pollarding to maintain their form and health and limit any constraints or risk they pose to other infrastructure. • have noted health defects requiring attention to prolong the health of the tree and manage any risk associated with the defect				
Decision required:	Approve the award of the 2023/24 Winter Tree Maintenance programme contracts as per Contract Award Reports: 1. It is recommended that a contract be awarded to the highest scoring Tenderer - Arborcure - as set out in the Contract Award Report 24324 for the supply of arboricultural services for the 2023/24 Winter Tree Maintenance Programme.				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts:	Yes	No	X
Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?			
Potential internal impacts:		No	Х
Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?			

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section two)	Yes		No	X
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	users, cor protected employee and peopl health and	no negative mmunities of characteri s, the proje de and will of d wellbeing ties across	or resident istics, nor a ect benefit contribute a of residen	ts with any PCC s nature to the ats and

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback) All data is from the 2011 Census except for age and sex which has been updated with 2021 data. Data will be updated with the 2021 Census data as it becomes available.	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	 I6.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. I8.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. South West I5.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. 22.3 per cent are 			
	aged 65 and over. England			

	 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. (Data sourced from the 2021 Census)		
Disability	10 per cent of our population have their day-today activities limited a lot by a long-term health problem or disability (2011 Census).		
Gender reassignment	There are no official estimates for gender reassignment at either national or local level (awaiting 2021 Census data). However, in a study funded by the Home Office, the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES) estimate that between 300,000 and 500,000 people aged 16 or over in the UK are experiencing some degree of gender variance.		
Marriage and civil partnership	There were 234,795 marriages in England and Wales in 2018. In 2020, there were 7,566 opposite-sex civil partnerships formed in England and Wales, of which 7,208 were registered in England and 358 were registered in Wales. There were 785 civil partnerships formed between same-sex couples in England and Wales in 2020, of which 745 were		

	registered in England and 40 were registered in Wales.		
Pregnancy and maternity	There were 640,370 live births in England and Wales in 2019, a decrease of 2.5 per cent since 2018. The mid-year 2019 population estimates show that there were 2,590 births in Plymouth.		
	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England and Wales decreased from 1.70 children per woman in 2018 to 1.65 children per woman in 2019.		
Race	92.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identify themselves as White British. 7.1 per cent identify themselves as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic.		
	Census data suggests at least 43 main languages are spoken in the city, showing Polish, Chinese and Kurdish as the top three (2011 Census).		
Religion or belief	Christianity is the biggest faith in the city with more than 58 per cent of the population (148,917). 32.9 per cent (84,326) of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion (2011 Census).		
	Those who identified as Muslim were just under I per cent while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than I per cent (2011 Census).		
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).		

There is no precise local data on sexual orientation in Plymouth (awaiting 2021 Census data).		
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SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Timescale and responsible department

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.			
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.			
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024			
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.			
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.			