

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – ECC05 25/26

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Tree Management Principles			
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)			
3	Report author and contact details: Chris Avent chris.avent@plymouth.gov.uk			
4	Decision to be taken: I. Agrees the updated Tree Management Principles document and commits to a 5 yearly review of this document.			
5	Reasons for decision: I. To update the Council's framework for management of trees in the city following recent legislative and political commitments.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: I. Do not update the existing document – rejected as this would leave the council exposed to updated legislative requirements.			
7	Financial implications and risks: No significant resource issues from the update to this document. The document will help support future funding and investment opportunities to support council and city ambitions.			
8	Legal Implications: The updated document responds to the updated duty arising through Section 96A of the Highways Act (1980) to consult on the removal of street trees and provides a clear framework for the council to use to comply with this duty.			
9	Is the decision a Key Decision? please contact Democratic Support for further advice Please type an X into the relevant boxes	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			x	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million annually

			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
10	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	Links to Corporate Plan objective to provide cleaner, greener streets. Plymouth Plan: GRO6 - Delivering Plymouth's natural network GRO7 - Reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change INT6 - Enhancing Plymouth's 'green city' credentials		
11	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Positive – provides principles for best practice tree management and associated carbon sequestration that trees provide as well as other ecosystem services.		
Urgent decisions				
12a	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If no, go to section 13a)
12b	Reason for urgency:			
12c	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	No		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	N/A		

14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer				
		No	x					
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name		Glenn Caplin-Grey				
		Job title		Strategic Director for Growth				
		Date consulted		13 January 2026				
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)			JS74 25/26			
		Finance (mandatory)			OW.25.26.130			
		Legal (mandatory)			LS/2960(68A)/JP/110 226			
		Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)			N/A			
		Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	260209 Briefing report_Tree Management Principles						
	B	260206 EqIA_Tree Management Principles						
	C	260209 CIA_Tree Management Principles						
	D	Tree Management Principles_FINAL						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	x					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							

Background Papers										
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>									
Title of background paper(s)				Exemption Paragraph Number						
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature										
20	<p>I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.</p>									
Signature				Date of decision	12 th February 2026					
Print Name	Tom Briars-Delve									