Tree Management Principles

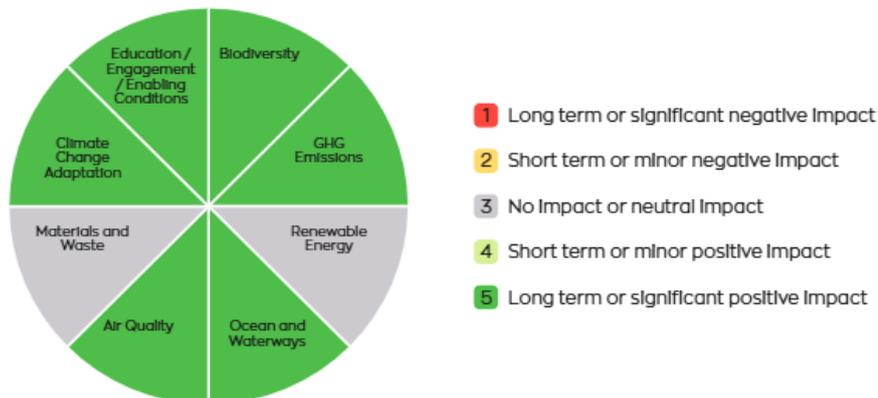## Project details

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Project summary

Plymouth City Council's Tree Management Principles document provides a clear framework for managing Council-owned and protected trees to:
- Ensure public safety through risk-based inspections and maintenance.
- Define criteria for tree works, including felling, pruning, and replacement.
- Integrate tree management with planning and infrastructure projects.
- Promote community engagement and transparency in decision-making.
- Support urban forestry goals, including canopy cover, biodiversity, and tree equity.

Summary of assessment

1	Long term or significant negative impact
2	Short term or minor negative impact
3	No impact or neutral impact
4	Short term or minor positive impact
5	Long term or significant positive impact

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Assessment scores

Biodiversity

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest.

Mitigatory measures applied:

The TMP identifies that in situations where trees require removal the council will suitably mitigate this through replacement planting as close as possible to the location from which the tree is removed following the right tree, right place principle.

GHG Emissions

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest.

Renewable Energy

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest.

Ocean and Waterways

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest which act as a nature-based solution to increased frequency and intensity of rainfall events.

Air Quality

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest which act as a nature-based solution to poor air quality.

Materials and Waste

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest which has no impact on waste volumes.

Climate Change Adaptation

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest which act as a nature-based solution to the effects of climate change such as increased rainfall vents and heat stress..

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions

Score

(5) Long lasting or extensive positive impact

Score justification

The TMP sets out a framework for valuing, protecting and enhancing the city's urban forest and within each section recognises the importance of community engagement in this.