

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date: 14 September 2021

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: COUNCIL TREES SERVICE REVIEW

SUMMARY

The Council is facing considerable financial pressures, worsened by the impact of COVID-19. Alongside this, our Trees Service had experienced a number of budget overspends.

Therefore, a review of the Council Trees Service was recently conducted, with the aim of identifying what options could be available to reduce the cost of the service whilst continuing to offer a good quality tree management function.

Drafts of both the detailed review document and Executive report are presented for comment by the Panel at Appendix 1. Comments made will be passed to the 21 September 2021 Executive for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at appendix 1; and
- b) pass any comments relating to appendix 1 to the 21 September 2021 Executive meeting for consideration.

Enquiries: For further information on this report please contact Lee Smith (Ext 4427) and Roy Brown. (Ext 4489)

Appendices: Appendix 1: Report to Executive meeting on 21 September 2021 – Council Tree Service Review