

Meeting: Environment Sub-Committee

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Title: Review of Tree Management Policy and proposed Tree Planting Strategy

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the context for a presentation that will be given to the **Environment Sub-Committee** at its meeting on 7th September 2021, relating to the review of the Tree Management Policy and the development of a Tree Planting Strategy for the Authority.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the changes made to the Tree Management Policy and provide comments on the proposed new Tree Planting Strategy.

3. Details

- In July 2019, North Tyneside Council declared a climate emergency, reflecting its commitment to tackling climate change and preserving the natural environment in North Tyneside. Since then, the Council has worked with a range of stakeholders to develop a Climate Emergency Action Plan. The plan recognises that trees have an important part to play in meeting agreed targets, through the removal of carbon emissions from the atmosphere.
- In consideration of the above, a refresh of the Council's existing Tree Management Policy has been carried out and a new Tree Planting Strategy has been developed.
- A presentation will be delivered at the Environment Sub-Committee on 7th September 2021, outlining the changes to the Tree Management Policy and providing an overview of the proposed Tree Planting Strategy.