



Subject:	Request to plant trees as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project – future policy for such requests
Date:	8 th October 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	At the People and Communities Committee meeting on 12 th February 2019, the Committee was informed of a request received by Officers from Emma Little Pengelly MP to plant 5 small trees on Council land as part of the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project in March 2019 was discussed. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable a report to be submitted to a future meeting which would detail any policy for such requests.
1.2	At its meeting on 4th June 2019, the People and Communities Committee agreed the proposed policy position for future tree planting requests within Parks and Open Spaces,

1.3	<p>which marked significant occasions and events, and to defer consideration of a request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP, to plant five small trees to mark Her Majesty the Queens' Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project, for discussion at the Party Group Leaders meeting.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Party Group Leaders on 26th September 2019, it was agreed that the request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP be resubmitted to the People and Communities meeting for consideration.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accede to the request submitted by Emma Little Pengelly MP, to plant five small trees to mark Her Majesty the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Officers received a request from Emma Little Pengelly MP to plant five small trees on Council land as part of Her Majesty the Queens Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project back in March 2019. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable a report to be submitted to a future meeting which would detail any policy for such requests.</p>
3.2	<p>At its meeting on 4th June 2019, the Committee approved the proposed policy and deferred its decision to accede to Emma Little Pengelly's request for discussion at a future meeting of the Party Group Leaders' Forum. The request was discussed by the Forum at its meeting on 26th September 2019 where it was decided that it would be further presented to the People and Communities Committee for consideration.</p>
3.3	<p>Officers within City and Neighbourhood Services will access each tree planting request received by individuals or external organisations and ensure any tree planting request fits into existing tree management plans within Council properties and make recommendations to Committee.</p>
3.4	<p>Permission for tree planting requests may be granted by the People and Communities Committee based on a request by request basis with the assistance of any supporting Arboricultural information put forward by Council Officers.</p>

3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no Financial or Human Resource implications other than officer time.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u> There are no known equality or good relation issues associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.