

# **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

## **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD**

The following decision was taken on 19 March 2020 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all members: 19 March 2020

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 25 March 2020

The decision can be implemented from Thursday 26 March 2020

### **DECISION**

#### **1. SHEFFIELD PARTNERSHIP STREET TREE WORKING STRATEGY**

That the Leader of the Council:

- 1 approves the new Sheffield Partnership Street Tree Working Strategy as the basis for the approach to the future management of the city's street trees, noting that the intention is to review the working strategy after one year;
- 2 approves the actions in the working strategy as the programme of work for the first year;
- 3 approves the proposal to establish an ongoing Sheffield Street Tree Partnership to drive delivery of the actions in the working strategy and keep it under review; and
- 4 that at least one representative from Sheffield City Council is a member of the Sheffield Street Tree Partnership.

#### **Reasons For Decision**

The recommendations are made on the basis that:

This honours the commitment made by the Council, Amey and STAG in the Joint Position Statement and the Trees and Woodlands Strategy 2018-33

The working strategy and the actions to deliver it represent a balance between sustaining and enhancing the benefits of the city's street trees, and the need to protect the public, property and other street infrastructure from any hazards presented by street trees

The information about the benefits and value of street trees will enable realistic cost-benefit analyses to be made that account for the value of the benefits provided by street trees, and the arboricultural or engineering solutions available to try to retain them

All partners mentioned in the strategy, including the Council, commit to delivering the actions assigned to them.

**Alternative Considered And Rejected**

Two alternative options are:

- No new street tree strategy
- Maintain and manage the highway network without taking account of the value of the benefits provided by street trees in decisions about whether to retain or replace them.

Neither of these options would be in line with the commitment set out in the Joint Position Statement agreed between Sheffield City Council, Amey and STAG to develop an exemplary new street tree strategy for Sheffield.

**Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

**Reason For Exemption If Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

**Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee