

# Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny



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**RE: Tree Strategy Review 2022/23**

## **1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To provide the mayor with a review of Leicester's Tree Strategy for the period 2022/23.
- 1.2 The attached gives the year four review.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The first Leicester Tree Strategy was formally adopted in November 2018 during National Tree Week.
- 2.2 It is a five-year strategy which aims to sustain and increase the tree stock in council's ownership and to improve the quality of the city's trees. It also promotes the important role trees can play in maintaining a high-quality city environment, reducing pollution, and contributing to flood risk management.

## **3.0 The Approach Taken in the Strategy Review**

- 3.1 The Strategy outlines how we manage the city's trees to ensure that we sustain and enhance Leicester's urban forest for future generations.
- 3.2 The annual review monitors the delivery of the aims of the Tree Strategy via the five key strategic objectives:
  - Promoting amenity
  - Promoting habitat and wildlife
  - Responding to global obligations
  - Managing the pressure on trees in others ownership
  - Delivering the strategy

A series of 22 actions as specified in the Tree Strategy are reported on in the review document.

- 3.3 The review document gives the current position statement and identifies what has been achieved over the 12-month period, with a series of measures.
- 3.4 Each section is colour coded for ease of reference.
- 3.5 There are a series of headline key facts included at the start of the document which give an overview.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the commission acknowledge the content of the report and strategy