

**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
27 AUGUST 2020**

TREE AND WOODLAND STRATEGY 2021-2031

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Members' views on the Draft Tree and Woodland Strategy 2021-2031, attached as **Appendix 1**, as part of the wider consultation prior to being considered by Cabinet.

Summary

2. The Council has had a Tree and Woodland Strategy in place since 2000 and this is the second update. The strategy covers the Council's approach to the management and development of trees throughout the Borough, both those owned by the Council and trees on private land in private ownership.
3. Public consultation will run from 1 September 2020 for six weeks and feedback on the strategy from this consultation, as well as Members views on this Committee, will be presented to Cabinet with the draft strategy for their approval.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee provide their view on the Draft Tree and Woodland Strategy 2021-2031 and the policies included within the Strategy as to how the Council will manage trees within the Borough.

**IAN WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH
AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	There is no impact as a result of this report.
Health and Well Being	Trees have a positive impact on the health and well being of individuals and communities.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	Trees can have a significant impact on mitigating or reducing carbon in the atmosphere.
Diversity	Trees benefit all individuals.
Wards Affected	All Wards are affected.
Groups Affected	All groups benefit from trees.
Budget and Policy Framework	There is no impact as a result of this report.
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The tree cover in Darlington contributes to the Place agenda.
Efficiency	There is no impact on the Council's efficiency agenda.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.