

## Tree & Woodland Strategy 2021-2031 Action Plan

## Appendix 2

Action	Lead	Status	Measures of Success
Inspections of trees in Zone 1 to take place on a 12-24 month programme.	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Ongoing</b>  Commenced November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections of trees adjacent to highways, footpaths, children's play areas etc.</li> <li>• Consistent ground based, visual inspections of the current condition of trees. As trees are dynamic organisms and therefore subject to change, inspections should detail the condition of trees on the day of the inspection.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within three months.</li> </ul>
Inspection of trees in Zone 2 to take place on a 24-36 month programme.	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Ongoing</b>  Commenced November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections of Estate trees.</li> <li>• Consistent ground based, visual inspections of the current condition of trees. As trees are dynamic organisms and therefore subject to change, inspections should detail the condition of trees on the day of the inspection.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within two to three months.</li> </ul>
Other trees i.e. woodland, to be inspected as required.	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk through inspections to be undertaken as required as per advice from Zurich.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within the year, dependent on targets.</li> </ul>
Continue parks replanting and underplanting (when you plant complimentary plants around the base)	Team Leader for Arboriculture	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue to plant within parks and open spaces as necessary, planting heavy standard to replace removed trees.</li> </ul>

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Continue re-assessment of TPO Trees. (Enquiries)	Team Leader for Arboriculture/ Head of Planning, Development Management and Environmental Health	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to the nationally set timescales when determining tree applications: TPO applications (eight weeks) and TFC applications (6 weeks).</li> <li>Ensure that applications are determined in line with good arboriculture practice.</li> </ul>
Plant replacements for any removed trees.	Team Leader for Arboriculture	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable trees to be planted in locations where a replacement tree is required.</li> </ul>
Work with TVCA on their aim to plant 1 million trees across the Tees Valley.	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist TVCA officers in their pursuit of maximising tree planting within the Borough, including planting trees on DBC owned land.</li> </ul>
Continue utilisation of prospective planting areas as outlined on the database, working towards the 100,000 trees target.	Team Leader for Arboriculture	<b>Ongoing – On track</b>  Over 47,700 trees planted to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where funding allows, trees will be planted at identified locations.</li> </ul>
Review and reassessment of Tree Strategy.	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide a yearly update to the Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee, on the progress of delivering the agreed actions and the number of trees planted against the target of 100,000 over the lifetime of the Strategy.</li> </ul>

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Develop a range of annual KPIs to report to the Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee	Head of Environmental Services	<b>Complete</b>  Included in main report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of inspections undertaken in Zone 1 (High Risk) over a two-year period.</li> <li>No. of trees planted.</li> <li>No. of trees felled compared to no. of replacement trees planted.</li> <li>Measure, review and report on Darlington's Tree Canopy (5 yearly measurement).</li> <li>No. of enquiries received, and percentage responded to within target time.</li> <li>No. of repeat visits to same tree arising from the same customer enquiry or complaint.</li> <li>No. of trees removed infected with more than 50% Ash Dieback.</li> </ul>