



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected: All Wards**

#### **Arboricultural Management Plan**

#### **Purpose of the Report:**

To update the Council's Arboricultural Management Plan.

#### **Executive Summary:**

The Council first approved an Arboricultural Management Plan in June 2007 which was last reviewed in October 2018. Officers have revised the plan to bring the content up to date, which is presented for endorsement. The main changes to the plan include advice on Chalara Ash Die Back and on insects.

#### **Background:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 the then Environment and Highways Cabinet Board approved the Council's Arboricultural Management Plan. This was reviewed and approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by the Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board.

The plan details policy and information regarding the management of trees on council land, and provides guidance in respect of trees on private land. Since the last review there has been the onset of Chalara Ash Die Back and consequently the plan has been updated, which is now presented for endorsement. In addition, some other amendments were identified as needed in the officer review linked to the need for advice on insects and the council's position regarding dangerous trees on private land.

### **Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment:**

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required as the implementation of the Arboricultural Management Plan would not impact upon any of the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 or on people's ability to use the Welsh language. Furthermore, the plan is about the sustainable management of trees.

### **Valleys Communities Impacts:**

No implications

### **Workforce Impacts:**

No implications

**Legal Impacts:**

No implications

**Risk Management Impacts:**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

**Consultation:**

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that Members endorse the Arboricultural Management Plan as attached at Appendix A.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To allow a consistent approach to tree management across the county borough.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Arboricultural Management Plan

**List of Background Papers:**

E&H Board report 2007, Arboricultural Management Plan

S&E Board report 2018, Arboricultural Management Plan

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