

Update on Tree planting initiatives

Date: 18th September 2023

Report of: Director of Strategy & Resources

Report to: Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

Parks and Greenspaces in Leeds make a contribution to mitigating climate change with around 2500 of the 4000 hectares of land managed for public access being either natural or semi natural.

In 2019 the council declared a climate emergency with a target of achieving net zero emissions for the city by 2030 which woodland creation and tree planting in the city will contribute towards. In 2020 the target of creating 1250 hectares of woodland tree canopy over 25 years was agreed at full council.

This report and presentation provide an update against this target and on the programme of tree planting related initiatives.

Recommendations

- a) To note the associated presentation and update on the woodland creation initiative.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report provides a review of work undertaken linked to woodland creation on Leeds City Council land.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 It is requested a regular update is provided on the progression with these initiatives.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 3 The progress update evidences the progression towards establishing woodland and canopy cover in Leeds.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 4 Members are briefed annually on woodland creation proposals within respective wards.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 6 There are no specific risk management implications as a result of this report.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 8 Not applicable

How will success be measured?

- 9 Not applicable

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 10 Not applicable

Appendices

- None

Background papers

- None