

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	7 JANUARY 2020	9
APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUP – ARBORICULTURE AND LANDSCAPE STRATEGY			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

This report seeks representatives for the Arboriculture and Landscaping Strategy Working Group.

At its meeting on 13 November 2019, the Planning Committee considered the membership of the above working group.

The working group was formed in September 2017, to help steer the formulation of an Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy for the borough. The group met on a number of occasions, but following the election in May 2019, a number of the members of the original group are no longer serving councillors. It was suggested that the membership of the working group be refreshed in order to finalise the strategy and to identify suitable sites on which the council may plant trees as part of the strategy in line with previously approved budgets. As a number of the aims and objectives of this working group were shared with the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, it was also recommended that an invitation be extended to the committee to nominate two members to attend this working group.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To nominate 2 members to join the Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy working group.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None at this committee

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. To help in the formulation of the Council's Arboriculture and Landscape Strategy, a small working group of officers and members was established to guide the project. In September 2017, Planning Committee nominated a number of Councillors to work alongside officers in developing the strategy.
2. The group met on several occasions and provided valuable guidance in developing the strategy. Despite changes in staffing and a requirement to prioritise other work streams meaning that work in progressing the strategy slowed, the strategy has now progressed to the final stages. A number of the members of the original working group no longer sit on the council and so it was necessary to re-establish the working group and so Planning Committee was asked in November 2019 to nominate 3 members to the refreshed working group.
3. It has been suggested that the tree planting element of the emerging strategy has common links with the aims and objectives of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee. Accordingly, it has been suggested that the Environment, Health and Housing Committee be invited to nominate 2 members to attend the working group so that it becomes a cross committee working group.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications arising from this report
Legal	No implications arising from this report
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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