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**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Subject:** Trees on Highways - Removal and Replacement

**Date of meeting:** 25 March 2019

**Report by:** Director of Finance & S.151 Officer

**Wards affected:** All

**1. Requested by:** The Leader of the Council

**2. Purpose**

To set in place a reporting procedure where trees on the highway are proposed for felling and replacement.

**3. Information Requested**

The City Council (PCC) and Ensign Highways have agreed a protocol for public notification for proposals to fell trees on the highway/pavements/verges.

In future, notices will be attached (with cable ties) to all trees where Ensign/Colas have advised the trees should be removed or replaced. The information on the notice will include the proposed works to the tree, the reason for the works, what replacement tree will be planted and the timescales involved. There will also be contact details for members of the public to contact PCC and Ensign/Colas if they have concerns.

This protocol applies to tree felling only, not general tree maintenance and will be undertaken at no additional cost to the Council.

All members of the Council will be notified of tree works as part of the normal weekly highways works notification sent to all councillors.

There will be a trial period of 1 month for this new system to ensure that it is working effectively. If improvements are required, they will be implemented.

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Signed by (Director)

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**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Nil	