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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Climate Change & Environment
<b>Subject:</b>	The Queen's Green Canopy Commemorative Planting
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Report by:</b>	Zoe White - Public Health development manager - Green & Healthy City Coordinator
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All

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1. **Requested by-** the Cabinet member for Climate Change and Environment to provide detail of the Defra funding awarded to lead delivery partners of The Queens Green Canopy.

### **2. Information Requested**

- a. To update the Cabinet member for Climate Change and the Environment on the detail of the Defra funding awarded to lead delivery partners of The Queen's Green Canopy.
- b. To brief the Cabinet member on the outcome of the Defra award to lead delivery partner Trees for Cities and the extension of the Forgotten Paces programme.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, Forestry Minister Trudy Harrison confirmed new funding to plant trees in communities across the country in honour of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.
- 3.2 Defra will provide lead delivery partners of The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) with £499,000 funding to plant trees in communities across the country in honour of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.
- 3.3 As part of the national tree planting initiative in Her Majesty's name, The Queen's Green Canopy funding will provide a special programme of planting to be delivered by QGC Partners including Trees for Cities, The Tree Council, The Conservation Volunteers and Earthwatch.

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- 3.4 Working in cooperation with local authorities and communities, the funding will enable thousands of trees to be planted in over 60 locations across England, engaging communities that have limited access to nature and green spaces.
- 3.5 The trees planted will become part of the living legacy that is being created in honour of Queen Elizabeth through The Queen's Green Canopy, which has inspired over a million trees to be planted across the country in her name.

**4. Outcome**

- 4.1 The Queen's Green Canopy partner Trees for Cities will extend their "Forgotten Places" programme to include commemorative planting projects in honour of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth across five areas that are nature-deprived, planting a total of over 5,000 trees. Commemorative projects will take place in Brighton, Blackpool, Ipswich, Portsmouth and Stockton.
- 4.2 Trees for Cities have awarded Portsmouth £30,000 to deliver commemorative planting in the city.
- 4.3 Commemorative planting will take place in schools around the city with confirmed planting days at Castle View School in Paulsgrove and Moorings Way school in Milton.
- 4.4 Tree planting will provide shade and shelter for the children in playgrounds and open spaces, green spaces to connect children with nature and to learn about the value of trees, and enable every child to plant a tree in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.
- 4.5 Trees planted in Portsmouth through the commemorative planting project will be registered with The Queen's Green Canopy and will provide schools with an opportunity to have a commemorative QGC plaque.



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Signed by (Director)

**Appendices:**

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**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:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>