

## Appendix 9

### Trees(refer to 3.1of the Open Spaces Strategy)

No.	Policy	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead	Time frame
a)	<b>Continue investment for control of Elm Disease to protect the City's Elms.</b>	<p>Cityparks continues to respond effectively manage Elm Disease in the city.</p> <p>Ash Dieback conversations with arboriculture officers identified a more detailed financial assessment to be made regarding the impact to: as housing, schools, and Cityparks over the next 3-5 years. Cityparks have started discussions with authorities such as Kent County Council regarding strategies for Ash dieback.</p>	<p>a) Continued implementation of protocols to manage Elm Disease.</p> <p>b) Undertake financial impact assessment of Ash Dieback.</p>	<p>Cityparks</p> <p>Cityparks</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dec 2017</p>
b)	<b>Trees to be recognised as a strategic infrastructure asset.</b>	<p>Cityparks managers met to explore and develop ideas for strategic green Infrastructure such as trees.</p>	<p>a) Trees are to be added into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will direct any future green infrastructure Levy.</p>	<p>Cityparks</p>	<p>Dec 2017</p>
c)	<b>Increase water porous rigid and unbound aggregate surfaces to be implemented where possible around existing and proposed street trees in replacement of tarmac.</b>	<p>Initial design proposals are being developed by Transport &amp; Highways, Sustainability and Planning for a new tree pit and kerb edge that can also support sustainable drainage solutions.</p>	<p>a) Work with the identified teams and individuals to identify sites to implement the proposal.</p>	<p>Transport &amp; Highways</p>	<p>March 2018</p>

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No.	Action	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead	Time frame
1.	<b>Review the required tree maintenance and inspections needed to ensure we meet our statutory obligations.</b>	See 'Action 2' below.	b) See below	Cityparks	ongoing
2.	<b>Commission a tree strategy for the city.</b>	Reviewed previous unapproved tree document. Started to identify suitable policies for re-use.	a) Complete brief for tree strategy and set out delivery plan.	Cityparks	Jan 2018