

Report sponsor: Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Report author: Democratic Services Officer

Forest for the Future

Purpose

- 1.1 To receive a verbal update on the decision-making process behind the Forest for the Future project.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To consider the verbal update.
- 2.2 To make any comments or recommendations following discussions on the Forest for the Future project.

Reason

- 3.1 At the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on 15 June 2022 a resolution was passed to ask relevant officers and decision-makers to attend the next meeting of the Committee to allow an opportunity for the decision-making process to be explored.
- 3.2 To allow the Board an opportunity to make any comments on the decision-making process.

Supporting information

- 4.1 At an Urgent Leader of the Council meeting on 30 May 2022 the resolutions below were passed:
 1. To approve the installation of an urban forest within the marketplace for a duration of 6 weeks.
 2. To approve the purchase of trees, shrubs and accompanying items along with services to construct, maintain and disassemble the forest at a cost of £163,000.
 3. To delegate authority to Director of Public Protection and Streetpride to manage the operational decision making of the project.
 4. To approve the use of the Derby Market Place reserve to fund approx. £50,000 to additional costs to support the project.
- 4.2 The Forest for the Future opened on 2 July 2022 and ran for six weeks. The forest was made up of 150 trees and was designed to create a dialogue about climate change.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Other options

6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal implications

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Climate implications

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

Other significant implications

10.1 None directly arising from this report.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	Simon Riley	

Background papers: List of appendices:
