

Myself and Anna Murphy visited Nottingham City Council to look at how they managed their tree stock. During the meeting it was clear that they had also seen immense budget reductions within the Arboriculture team and were in a very similar position to Derby. They are also looking at putting in a bid for additional funds to help them manage the stock effectively.

Below is a breakdown of their current resources and the level of resources they are looking to propose.

Current resources (all full time positions)

1x dedicated Team leader

3x Arboriculture Officers

1x admin support

4x Arborists with relevant vehicles and equipment

Around £180,000 for sub-contractor support

Very limited inspections carried out by a sub-contractor

Around £30,000 per year for replanting of trees

Proposed resources (all full time positions)

1x dedicated Team leader

3x Arboriculture Officers

1x admin support

6x Arborists with relevant vehicles and equipment

Around £180,000 for sub-contractor support

1x surveyor to carry out inspections throughout the year

Around £30,000 per year for replanting of trees

Nottingham are looking to set up an additional in-house team to carry out work and an in-house surveyor to carry out inspections, the move is due to difficulties they have faced having these functions being done external. They however understand the need to use sub-contractors on some work and in times of high demand.

Nottingham are looking to adopt a 3 year cycle on inspections for every tree, they felt this is the minimum requirement for this. To achieve this with 1x FTE they are looking

at using Highways Inspectors, Parks Officers and Park Rangers to carry out basic inspections. They would like to adopt a 3 year cycle with a 1 year cycle for traffic sensitive and higher risk trees but felt at present this may not be supported.