

Corporation Street improvements

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Improvements to Corporation Street is being taken forward as part of the Council's Public Realm programme, to revitalise the setting of the Council House and knit together the Hydro, Riverlights, Riverside Gardens & Council House projects.
- 1.2 A key part of the project is to rationalise street furniture and a sketch scheme has been completed. In order to provide a sense of enclosure to the street at the carriageway and to allow an uncluttered frontage to the step/ramp area, a main zone of street furniture, combined with a line of elegant trees is proposed.
- 1.3 One of the design judgements is to place trees on the Council House side of Corporation Street. This will create organic structure to the street and help to frame the building, whilst also providing enclosure and shade. The trees would be restricted in growth by ensuring that the root balls are restricted. The species of tree would be selected based on their 'conical' crowns. This is a key aim of the project to improve the public realm and setting of the Council House.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report and give advice on the proposals to provide trees in Corporation Street.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Conservation Area Advisory Committee are kept informed of proposals and have influence over the judgements related to the trees.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 See appendices.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No other options have been considered.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Funding for the Corporation Street project is funded by the public realm programme.

Legal

- 2.1 There are no Legal implications as a result of this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 There are no Personnel implications as a result of this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out during the design stage and has helped to refine the design. All members of the disabled people in attendance agreed that the minimising of street furniture and it's rationalisation in certain zones will assist legibility and accessibility.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 N/A

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 N/A

Asset Management

- 7.1 The new trees would have little need of maintenance; however Streetpride would undertake this responsibility.

Risk Management

- 8.1 N/A

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The Corporation Street project as a whole supports the Derby Plan by;

Helping people in Derby to enjoy a thriving sustainable economy,
Helping people in Derby to be safe and feel safe, and
Helping people in Derby to have an active cultural life.