

## Agenda Item

### Crime and Disorder Select Committee

1 December 2022

## SCRUTINY REVIEW OF TREE ASSET MANAGEMENT

### Summary

This third, and last, evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Tree Asset Management will involve a further contribution from representatives of SBC Community Services and some initial feedback on the responses received (thus far) to the ongoing SBC Elected Member survey.

### Detail

1. Further to discussions at previous evidence-gathering sessions, and mindful of the agreed key lines of enquiry, SBC Community Services personnel have been asked to provide information on the following:
  - Minimum statutory requirements for the Council regarding a tree management service.
  - Visual examples of maintenance / inspection activity, as well as Ash Dieback evidence.
  - How is the Council managing public expectations given the current challenges?
  - Update on SBC tree management policy, its visibility, and plans for review.
2. Eliciting the views of SBC Elected Members around this scrutiny topic was identified as an important part of the Committee's work. As such, a survey for all Ward Councillors was issued on 16 November 2022, and feedback received ahead of the survey deadline of 2 December 2022 will be presented.
3. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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