

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Task and Finish Group Title	Maintenance of WDC Trees
Membership of Working Group:	Cllr Mrs E Higgins et al
Area for Investigation: (Directorate and Service Area)	Amenities
Key Officer Contacts:	Ian Coker, Chris Hastie, Tony Hemming, Robert Hoof
Scoping form completed by:	Cllr Mrs E Higgins
Scrutiny requested by:	Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Criteria for inclusion in work programme	(If yes please provide details)
Customer Feedback	Yes, using Citizens' Panel including question re satisfaction with tree scape in their neighbourhood. WDC Cllrs could be asked re their perception of trees in their ward and WDC staff living in WD.
Poor performance	Unknown at the moment
Area requiring policy development	Yes, clear policy of co-operation between WCC & WDC with its contractor Glendale
Value for Money Concerns	Does WDC get good value for money from its contractor
Emerging issues; Executive Referral, CAA etc	Yes funding issues and funding for the future.
Long term financial benefit anticipated	No, perhaps lessening of complaints about overgrown trees
Corporate priority	WDC has policy for dealing with WCC trees, WDC has contract with Glendale
Summary of overall anticipated benefits and intended outcomes  <i>[Give a brief description of what we hope undertaking the review will achieve e.g. Improved performance, amended policy, efficiencies or increased footfall]</i>	Clearer policy between WDC & WCC
Indicators of success  <i>[Include details of desired indicators of success and how these can be measured]</i>	
Policy Context	
National or Regional Policy Implications	

Impact on local people	
<b>Scope</b>	
In Scope <i>[Define what the scope of review]</i>	.District wide, 27,000 trees, about 8,000 on roadside, maintenance only, not strategic re-planting of trees. Parks, Roads, Commons.
Excluded from Scope <i>[Define the exclusions from the scope of the review]</i>	Trees on private land, in gardens
<b>Council and Partner Involvement</b>	
Who would need to be involved from the Council? Which of our partners, stakeholders and Members of the community should we seek to engage?	Ian Coker, Chris Hastie, Tony Hemming, Robert Hoof & from WCC Peter Sandwell and Gerald Brooks Glendale as contractors with new contract in 2013
<b>Review Resources</b>	
Evidence <i>[Background Information and documents to look at]</i>	Policy with WCC re Highway Trees
Witnesses <i>[Who to see and when]</i>	
Site visits <i>[Details of site visits and when they will be held if appropriate]</i>	
Consultation <i>[Do findings need to be published for consultation before making final recommendations?]</i>	
<b>Dangers/ Barriers/Risks</b>	
What are the risks to the review?	
<b>Timescales</b>	
Anticipated Review Start Date	March 2009
Anticipated Reporting Date	September 2009
Frequency of Meetings	Every 6 weeks
Date to evaluate impact <i>[A review in six to twelve months (dependent on outcomes) at this point deciding to either re scrutinise this matter, with a different task and finish group, or sign it off as the indicators of success have been achieved.]</i>	September 2009

