

Review of North Tyneside Tree Management Policy



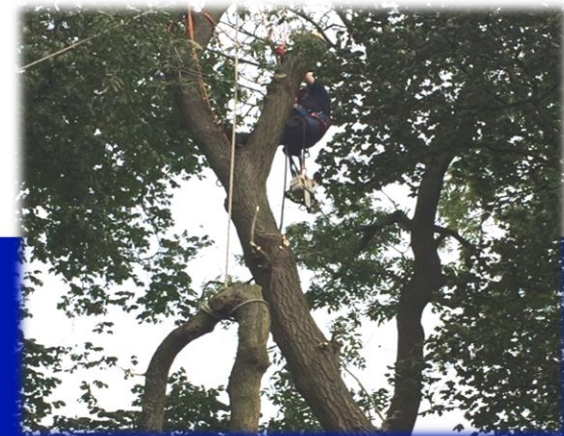
Overview of Tree Management Policy

- The Council introduced a Tree Management Policy in 2009
 - A framework which sets out how the council will protect and manage its trees
 - A point of reference to enable a consistent approach
 - Takes into account the Biodiversity Action Plan and other sustainable development policies
 - Management objectives for managing specific areas such as schools, cemeteries and parks
 - Last reviewed in 2010



Tree Management in North Tyneside

- Approximately 140,000 trees in North Tyneside's tree stock
- Approximately 40,000 street trees
- Arboricultural Officer and two tree teams
- Approximately 1700 enquiries received regarding trees every year
- In 2013/14 - 121 trees were removed and 608 planted



Management practices and considerations

- Public safety
- Legislation relating to the management of trees
- Arboricultural good practice and standards
- Tree related nuisances



Review of Tree Management Policy

Main changes to policy:

- More customer friendly document
- New section on community involvement
- Takes into consideration tree planting in new developments
- Recommends tree species appropriate to location
- Commitment to replant 2 trees for every tree removed



Next steps

- Recommend changes to Cabinet

