

To receive a report from Saltash Environmental Action and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Report to: Services Committee

Date of Report: 11.2.26

Officer Writing the Report: Office Manager / Assistant to the Town Clerk

Purpose of the report:

To give Members essential information following discussions held with SEA to make an informed decision that aligns with Town Council priorities, supports volunteers, and enables timely environmental improvements on STC land.

Officer's Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report and consider:

1. To approve SEA's proposal to replace trees through the Forest for Cornwall scheme within Elwell Woods, specifically in the areas marked M and N on the submitted map.
2. To grant SEA blanket approval for the removal and replacement of fallen or deceased trees on Town Council land without the need for further committee approval, with SEA including such activity in their routine reporting.
3. To approve associated expenditure of up to £400 for the purchase of three flowering cherry trees, a Gleditsia, and a Malus, funded from budget code 6589 EMF Community Tree Planting Initiatives.
4. To support the proposed labelling of trees in Fore Street, subject to Cornwall Council granting the necessary permissions, as this provides a valuable educational benefit.

5. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk/RFO, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Services Committee, to work with SEA on future work and ongoing support, preventing planting delays, within the limits of budget code 6589 EMF Community Tree Planting Initiative.

Report Summary

The Town Clerk recently met with SEA, and the discussion highlighted that the current permissions process, combined with the limited planting season, is unintentionally slowing progress on the tree-planting initiative. To prevent unnecessary delays and support this important environmental work, the Town Clerk is asking Members to endorse the officer recommendations. This will allow SEA to continue delivering positive outcomes for the town without being hindered by procedural constraints.

SEA will continue to provide regular updates on their activities at future Services Committee meetings.

For further detail, please refer to the accompanying SEA report.

How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

Climate Emergency

This approach supports the Town Council's Climate Emergency priority by enabling timely tree planting and protection, helping to strengthen local biodiversity, capture carbon and advance the town's climate change strategy.

Recreation and Leisure

This approach enhances Recreation and Leisure by improving and sustaining green spaces, contributing to the quality, wellbeing and natural character of Saltash's parks, open areas and riverside environment.

Budgets

Budget Codes: 6589 SE EMF Community Tree Planting Initiatives

Budget Availability: £3,106

Committed Spend:

Signature of Officer:

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