Playground tree report

09 November 2023

OVERVIEW

The playground currently has mature trees around some of the borders.

The Council could consider starting to interplant with young trees.

BACKGROUND

There does not appear to be a wide variety of age of tree currently in the playground, which could lead to open areas when the current trees need to be removed.

Two whips (flowering cherry, rowan, silver birch) are available from the Woodland Trust, via Sustainable Leafield. These are due to be delivered to Sustainable Leafield in November.

The Council would need to plant the trees and provide suitable tree guards for use in the playground.

COSTS

1. Soil etc required for planting
2. Metal tree guard and support post
   TOTAL COST – circa £50 per tree

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

EMR: Climate change/biodiversity – remaining funds	£1000.00

The cost could come from:

EMR	circa £100.00

COUNCIL DECISIONS

- Whether to plant new trees on the playground

  If it is agreed to plant new trees:
- To agree the positions for the new trees
- To decide most suitable type(s) of tree for the playground
- To resolve to request the Clerk liaises with Sustainable Leafield to obtain new trees
- To resolve to purchase suitable tree guards and posts
- To agree who will undertake planting and management of the trees