TREE MAINTENANCE & REMOVAL POLICY

Every effort should be made to retain trees. Removal should be safety driven.

TEC work to the following criteria when responding to tree complaints or removing trees:-

- 1. Location of tree determines whom has responsibility i.e. land owner or lead service if council
- 2. Visit site, access works & then decide what is needed. No works inform customer/complainant of your decision.
- If works required, refer to procurement contracts. Tree surgery: http://ntintra1/fin/purchasing/Contracts/tree-survey.htm or Tree Surveys: http://ntintra1/fin/purchasing/Contracts/tree-survey.htm
- 4. Tree is dangerous or diseased Remove
- 5. Tree is causing damage to buildings or footpaths Remove
- 6. Tree is so close to housing as to cause loss of amenity (cannot open house window for example). Crown lift or Prune. Felling if tree would become top heavy due to removal of lower limbs. **Essential work only**
- 7. Blocked pavement or obscured street lighting. Essential work only
- 8. Sightlines Safety issue so arrange Essential work only
- 9. Cannot obtain TV or Satellite Signals not council issue no action.
- 10. Interfering with Hydro or phone cables not council issue **no action**.
- 11. Blocking light trees are not removed trees to improve light No action
- 12. Mature tree or under preservation order contact Principal Officer (Land)
- 13. Multiple Trees consult with Local Member, Community Council & contact contact Principal Officer (Land)

Trees on Housing Land:

TEC Contract Supervisor undertakes site assessment and / or instructs works based on framework agreement.

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Trees on TECS Ground (Road Verges - Rural):

Responsibility as noted below

Trees on TECS Ground (Road Verges – Urban): Pass to CWO

Trees on TECS Ground (Other than road verges – e.g. play areas etc.): Pass to CWO

Trees on Private Ground overhanging adopted roads:

Pass to TECS

Technical Team

Trees on Education Land:

No TEC or Housing Involvement

		Address or location				
				ndication		Inspector
		Consider				
Dan	Survey Action Referral Consider Danger Does the tree appear to have an obvious danger?					
NO	YES					
		Socious Storm Damage		(A)		- Urgent action
	-	Serious Storm Damage Hanging branch	1	(A) (A)		- Urgent action
-		Tree is leaning	(5)	No		}
		Cracks, stains or splits at crotches	(\$) (\$) (\$) (\$)			}
		Split/s in trunk or main stems	(5)			} consider survey and act accordingly
		Heavier on one side	(5)			} - can be a set a
		Evidence of decay	(S)			}
	1	Interference with electrical apparatus		A		- Urgent action with electricity board
		Other			R	May mean removal; sometimes remedial prunir
						will be adequate. List for re-inspection.
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						All levies are an extension
	alth	Is tree manifesting a health issue?				
NO	YES	7	1 1	1 1		
		Stag heading	(§)			}
		Dead branches	(\$)		-10	Dependent on survey or obvious signs of
		Damaged trunk or branches	(8)			} senescenc
		Fungal growth evident	(S)		(R)	- extent and severity? }
		Insect infestation			(R)	- Usually recovers by next year (take sample)
		Premature leaf fall			(R)	- Check following year
		Other			(R)	May need removal in some instances or
NO	YES					PLEASURED LANGETON EL LANGEDIR (S)
		Root heave of hard surface	1 1	A	D	
			1 1		(R)	- planned removal or remedial groundwork
		Contact damage by branches		(A)		 planned removal or remedial groundwork pruning or crown reduction
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