

Tree Management Policy – ‘Living with trees 2021 to 2026’
Update to Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC on 6 September 2022.

Original policy document ‘Living with Trees 2015 to 2020’ was presented to the July 2015 meeting of the County Council. The policy document covered the period 2015 to 2020.

A review of the policy was initiated at the meeting of the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC in November 2020 -

- The review took place during the course of 2021, a subgroup of the SPC was established to assist in the review and drafting of a new policy.
- Presentations were made at various stages through the review process with presentations made to the SPC meetings in February, May and September 2021.
- The final draft of the new tree policy document ‘Living with trees 2021 to 2026’ was presented to the SPC meeting in November 2021.
- Policy document was then presented to the monthly meeting of the County Council in December 2021.

Implementation of the policy is under way as follows -

- Current 3 year maintenance programme for period 2020 to ’22 is nearing completion.
- Progress reports on the maintenance programme will be presented to ACMs in November.
- New 3 year programme for the period 2023 to ’25 to be presented to ACMs in December.
- Annual tree planting programme for 2023 will be presented to ACMs in November.