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| Subject: | The Planting of Several Trees to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III |
| Date: | 21st April, 2023 |
| Reporting Officer: | David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services, City and Neighbourhood Services Department |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a request received from the UK's Trees for Cities organisation, inviting the Council to take part in the planting of several young trees to mark the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III, as part of a UK capital cities initiative. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to approve the request from the Trees for Cities organisation to plant several young trees to mark the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023, as part of a UK national capital city initiative. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <u>Key Issues</u> On 11th April 2023, the Council received a request from Trees for Cities inviting it to take part in the planting of several young trees to mark the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III. |

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| 3.2 | <p>Trees for Cities is the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities. With over 25 years of experience in urban tree planting, Trees for Cities has been constantly working to highlight the multiple benefits of urban trees to improve people's lives in towns and cities. They specifically work with local communities and local authorities to cultivate lasting change within their neighbourhoods.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>Trees for Cities is currently in talks with the Duchy of Cornwall who is supportive of the project to see trees planted in each of the four UK national capitals to mark King Charles III coronation.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>Trees for Cities has secured agreement to plant trees in Cardiff, Edinburgh and London and their hope is that Belfast, as the capital city of Northern Ireland would also agree to take part.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The Trees for Cities charity recognise that its request does require a quick turnaround in terms of a decision, organising a suitable planting location and sourcing trees in such short notice.</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>It would be our recommendation to plant three 'heavy standard' ornamental, containerised trees which would be at a height of approximately 10' to 12' and an ideal location for the tree planting, would be within the grounds of Barnett Demesne.</p> |
| 3.7 | <p>This small-scale tree planting proposal would still add a small contribution towards the Council's ongoing 'One Million Tree' planting initiative.</p> |
| 3.8 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Funding for the tree supply/planting will be included within the current CNS tree planting budget and would cost in the region of £1,245.00 in total, as these will be larger trees and it will be necessary to purchase 'containerised' trees – these are trees which have been grown in a large pot and will have an adequate root system to establish quickly. It may also be possible to secure some external funding for this and officers will engage in this regard.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> |
| 3.9 | <p>None</p> |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |
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