



ARBORICULTURAL WORKING GROUP – MINUTES
Growth and Infrastructure
Planning & Regeneration Services
including Building Consultancy
Thurs 12th Oct 2017
4.00pm-5.30pm ROOM 134

ATTENDEES	
<p><u>Internal Attendees - Borough of Poole:</u> Richard Genge – (RTG) – Planning and Regeneration Manager (Chair) Sue Ludwig- (SPL) – Business Manager Andy Osborne - (AO) – Senior Arboricultural Officer (Planning) Trevor Maynard – (TM)– Senior Arboricultural Officer (Environmental Services) Gabriella Cobelli (GC) – Business Support / PA to Julian McLaughlin</p>	
<p><u>External Attendees:</u> Martin Saxon (MS) - Apex Tree Surgeons Andy Luddington (AL) - Tree Call Consulting Andrew Cleaves (AK) - Tree Call Consulting</p>	
APOLOGIES	
<p><u>Internal:</u> James Roberts (JR) – Arboricultural Officer</p> <p><u>External:</u> Mark Wadey (MW) - Barrell Tree Consultancy Andy Scott (AS) – Scott Tree Services Mark Hinsley (MH) – Mark Hinsley Arboricultural Consultants Wayne Doe (WD) - W.T.Doe Tree Surgeon Ltd</p>	
AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Introductions and minutes of the last Regular Arb WG Meeting 18th Jan 2017 and the A&D /Arb AGM on 13th Jun 2017 (meeting in July 2017 was postponed) Richard Genge.</u> There were brief introductions around the table. The minutes from the last meeting and the CIL item which was brought to the AGM were briefly discussed, as well as Andy Scott’s contribution when he gave a summary of the Arb Working Groups for 2016-2017. There was a further discussion around the topic raised in Jan 2017 about PINS using non salaried inspectors to inspect and decide the outcome of appeals, and RTG wondered whether this was still an issue. Some feel that this is, though SPL thinks that this year the BoP may not have seen as many appeals come through as last year. <u>Action: SPL suggested that we make a comparison between the appeal data this year and last year and bring back the results to the next meeting.</u> <u>RTG advised Arb consultants and contractors again to ensure thorough detail is submitted at application stage to avoid appeal.</u></p>	<p>SPL / GC to add to the next agenda</p> <p>Note for external attendees</p>

2.	<p><u>Arb Working Group Terms of Reference - Membership of the Group and Frequency of Future Meetings</u></p> <p><u>RTG read out the current Arboricultural Working Group Terms of Reference as follows:</u></p> <p><i>“To work together, in the best interests of Poole to ensure that the community and the Borough of Poole, achieve the best quality sustainable development outcomes in an open and transparent way.”</i></p> <p>AO felt that the statement should refer to the green infrastructure of Poole.</p> <p>Action: RTG and AO to discuss and reissue the TOR to the group.</p> <p><u>Membership of the Group</u></p> <p>RTG explained to the group how the membership of the working groups is normally refreshed at the AGM. AO advised that there is an external Arboricultural consultant who wishes to join the group who is John Hearne (Hearne Arboriculture). He has worked at the New Forest District Council and would provide a valuable contribution to the group. Currently membership of the group comprises of six company members. The group agreed that it would be useful to widen the expertise of the group by having a new member.</p> <p>Action: GC to contact John Hearne with a membership form.</p> <p><u>Frequency of Meetings</u></p> <p>It was agreed for the frequency of the Arboricultural Working Group meetings to be reduced to two regular meetings plus the AGM (there have been a couple of previous meetings that have been postponed). There was comment about the last meeting in July - only one member of the group came to the meeting hence, the meeting was postponed. It was difficult to say why this was, though RTG advised that it could have been due to the AGMs being a couple of months late in taking place, which led to possible confusion with dates of the regular meetings.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed for GC to send an invite to all the Arboricultural consultants to ensure that the regular meeting in January plus the AGM in March 2018 are in diaries.</p>	<p>RTG/ AO</p> <p>GC</p> <p>GC</p>
3.	<p><u>G&I / Planning / Local Government Re-Organisation (LGR)</u></p> <p><u>Update</u></p> <p>RTG reminded the group of the changes that have occurred within the unit following the departure of Stephen Thorne. Both Transportation and Planning and Building Consultancy merged at the beginning of the year to form Growth and Infrastructure.</p> <p>We have been through the first phase of the unit Transformation and are about to go through the second phase in Nov 2017. We have been told yesterday to expect an announcement from the Minister in October 2017 about LGR. However, if for any reason that there is not an announcement then Bmth and Poole will press ahead with shared services. This is already happening in the Business Improvement Theme. Despite the changes, there was a brief discussion about the value of continuing the working groups.</p>	

Date of the Next Two Meetings:

Regular Arb Working Group

Tue 09/01/2018 - 4.00pm-6.30pm ROOM 134 Civic Centre First Floor

A&D plus Arb Working Group AGM

Wed 28/03/2018 - 6.00pm-9.00pm - COMMITTEE SUITE Civic Centre First Floor