

# Record of decision taken under delegated authority by a Council officer



Title:	Public Realm - SSCB 1920.8 (Tree Planting on Christchurch Park)
Wards Affected:	Sutton South, Cheam, Belmont
Decision taken under delegated authority by virtue of:	Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont (SSCB) Local Committee, 25 May 2017

## Summary

On 25 May 2017, Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Local Committee decided to delegate the authority to approve public realm schemes to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration. Decisions taken should be in consultation with the Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Local Committee Chair, Vice Chair and appropriate Ward Councillors, in order to expedite scheme delivery.

A request has been made by Sutton South ward councillors on behalf of their residents for one (1) replacement tree to be planted on Christchurch Park opposite Whitelodge Close where there is a vacant tree pit. A resident has agreed to foster the tree. The Neighbourhood Services team have indicated that the cost for the tree is £218, which includes a standard tree, mesh guard, stakes, watering (for one year, in addition to resident watering) and planting of the tree. The replacement tree would be a *Carpinus betulus* (Hornbeam).

## Budget

The current remaining public realm budget is £42,329, made up of £39,680 public realm capital, £0 TfL and £2,649 revenue funds.

A majority of councillors have agreed the scheme. With the above scheme agreed by the local committee, the remaining funds in the Local Committee budget will be £42,111 made up of £39,462 public realm capital, £0 TfL and £2,649 revenue funds.

## Decision

### That:

1. £218 of Public Realm capital be allocated to supplying and planting one


replacement tree in a vacant pit on Christchurch Park in Sutton South ward.

Reasons for Decision:

The ward councillors have been consulted on this proposal. Planting of the tree has received support from the majority of ward councillors. The scheme was considered to enhance the visual landscape of the local area, as well as provide environmental benefits to the community.

**Options, if any, considered and rejected**

The option to not plant a replacement tree was considered, however the committee felt it best to encourage beautifying the community by adding to the visual landscape and greening the area. The option to not plant the tree was therefore rejected.

Decision taken by:	 Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director Environment, Housing and Regeneration
Decision taken on:	11 June 2019
To be implemented on:	11 June 2019

**Declarations of conflicts of interest**

None

**Background Documents**

None

**Exempt:**

No