

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEY DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 10 March 2021 by the Executive Director, Place.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday 11 March 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Thursday 18 March 2021

1. **TITLE**

Treevitalise Project : Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund Grant

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Executive Director:-

(a) approves the Council accepting the funding of £183,319 from the Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund;

(b) approves the Treevitalise Sheffield project being delivered as outlined in the report; and

(c) approves the Council entering into a Grant Agreement with the Woodland Trust.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The funding helps us meet our actions in the Trees and Woodland Strategy around community engagement, volunteering, supporting "friends" groups and tree planting (Actions 7,8,10,11, and 18 - 24).

The people in Sheffield will have greater connection to their trees, through direct engagement via planting and other tree projects, and attendance at events and activities.

People will have had fun and have better mental and physical health as a result of being engaged with trees.

Sheffield will have a greater canopy cover as at least 3 hectares of new woodland or 15,000 trees will have been planted.

There will be increased biodiversity in woodland creation areas and wildlife corridors.

Flooding will be mitigated through planting in catchment areas or to intercept rainfall on hard surfaces.

Parks and Green Spaces will have a higher amenity value.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Alternative option – Not accepting the funding.

Not accepting the funding would mean that Community Forestry has limited capacity to deliver woodland creation within the community and opportunities to further develop Sheffield's reputation as a Green City would be lost.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Culture, Parks and Leisure

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee