# ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Planning Committee	Development	Management
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DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard		
TITLE OF REPORT		of Tree Preser 150, 191, 192, 218	
REPORT NUMBER:	CHI/14/043		
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes		

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To have confirmed three provisional Tree Preservation Orders made by the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development under delegated powers. The Orders currently provide temporary protection for the trees, but are required to be confirmed by the Planning Development Management Committee to provide long term protection.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended Members confirm the making of Tree Preservation Orders 131, 150, 191, 192 and 218 without modifications, and that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services attend the requisite procedures.

#### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of confirming the Orders will be met through existing budgets.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

A Tree Preservation Order gives statutory protection to trees that contribute to the amenity, natural heritage or attractiveness and character of a locality. As outlined in Policy NE5: Trees and Woodland, the Council will take the necessary steps to ensure that trees are protected in the longer term. Protecting trees has the further benefit of contributing to the Council's policies on improving air quality and helping combat climate change. Promoting the improvement and maintenance of environmental quality and townscapes in turn supports investment and economic competitiveness. The making of any Tree Preservation Order is likely to result in further demands on staff time to deal with any applications submitted for consent to carry out tree work and to provide advice and assistance to owners and others regarding protected trees. This is, however, contained within existing staffing resources.

The process of applying for work to protected trees allows for Elected Members, Community Councils and members of the public to have an opportunity to comment on work to protected trees.

The trees in the following Tree Preservation Orders contribute to the local character of the area. The loss of these trees would have an adverse effect on this character. A Tree Preservation Order would ensure that trees could not be removed without the consent of the Council who would have an opportunity to have regard to the environmental implications of any proposals.

## 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- Tree Preservation Order Number 131, Station Road, Dyce
- Tree Preservation Order Number 150, 40 Culter House Road, Milltimber
- Tree Preservation Order Number 191, 299 Queen's Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 192, Former Raeden Centre
- Tree Preservation Order Number 218, Former Hilton Nursery School

## 6. IMPACT

There are no anticipated impacts on equalities with this proposal hence an Equalities and Human Right Impact Assessment is not required. As outlined in Policy NE5: Trees and Woodland, the Council will take the necessary steps to ensure that trees are protected in the longer term thus the need to confirm the aforementioned TPOs.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There is a risk of loss of the trees if the recommendations are not accepted which would impact on people and the environment. If recommendations are accepted the Orders will ensure the long term protection of the trees on each of the sites by ensuring the trees could not be cut down or otherwise damaged without the express permission of the Council, hence securing the public amenity and environmental value of each site.

### 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Files of Tree Preservation Orders 131, 150, 191, 192 and 218; maps attached

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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