ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Planning Development Management

Committee

DATE 12 February 2015

DIRECTOR Pete Leonard

TITLE OF REPORT Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

numbers 124, 159, 202, 204, 206, 162, 178, 184, 188, 211, 107, 115, 139, 152, 158 and

226

REPORT NUMBER: CHI/14/082

CHECKLIST RECEIVED Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To have confirmed 17 provisional Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) 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 124, 159, 202, 204, 206, 162, 178, 184, 188, 211, 107, 115, 139, 152, 153, 158 and 226 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

The making of a Tree Preservation Order generally results 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 undertaken within existing staffing resources.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

A TPO gives statutory protection to trees that contribute to the amenity, natural heritage or attractiveness and character of a locality. As outlined in the Local Development Plan 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 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.

- Tree Preservation Order Number 124, 34 Great Western Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 159, South Avenue, School Road, Cults
- Tree Preservation Order Number 202, Land to East of Parkway at Easter Persley Farm
- Tree Preservation Order Number 204, Cliff House, Craigton Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 206, Countesswells House
- Tree Preservation Order Number 162, Grange Lodge, South Avenue, Cults
- Tree Preservation Order Number 178, 14 Polmuir Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 184, Lochside Road, Denmore Park
- Tree Preservation Order Number 188, 158 Morningside Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 211, Newton Dee Village, Bieldside
- Tree Preservation Order Number 107, Cranford House, Cranford Road

- Tree Preservation Order Number 115, Priory Hill, 60 North Deeside Road, Peterculter
- Tree Preservation Order Number 139, 142 Broomhill Road
- Tree Preservation Order Number 152, Caroline Place
- Tree Preservation Order Number 158, Standish Cottage, The Bush, Peterculter
- Tree Preservation Order Number 226, Nigg House, Abbotswell Crescent

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 Tree Preservation Orders.

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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Files of Tree Preservation Orders 124, 159, 202, 204, 206, 162, 178, 184, 188, 211, 107, 115, 139, 152, 153, 158 and 226; maps attached

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