



**NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER**

**18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**PAYMENT FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN DECISION**

<b>Authority for decision</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Reasons</b>	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<b>Conflicts of interest and any dispensation</b>
<p><b>Delegation Scheme in the Constitution for the Head of Corporate Service and Monitoring Officer</b></p> <p>13.19 To consider and report on any report of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman or the Housing Ombudsman and to decide on and implement the action to be taken and to approve and make compensation payments on the recommendation of the Ombudsman whether or not a budget exists following consultation with the Head of Paid Service, the Leader and Deputy Leader</p>	<p>To make a payment of £1500 in lieu of the planting of a tree as recommended by the Ombudsman in a revised decision.</p>	<p>The Ombudsman originally recommended that the Council purchase and plant a tree. This proved to be very difficult and so the complainant went back to the Ombudsman. In consequence the Ombudsman asked the Council to accept a revised recommendation to pay £1500 to cover the cost of the tree, its planting and time and trouble.</p>	<p>To reject the revised recommendation. This was rejected as the only alternative was to keep trying to organise the planting of the tree and this had actively pursued without success.</p>	<p>None</p>

Please complete the following where relevant:

<b>Key Decision?</b>	<b>Confidential/ Exempt (if yes, please state paragraph)?</b>	<b>Do General Exception or Special Urgency Rules apply to this decision?</b>	<b>Consultation has taken place with the Section 151 &amp; Monitoring Officer?</b>	<b>The Leader, Deputy Leader or relevant Portfolio Member have been consulted?</b>
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

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Authorising Signature: ..

Job title: ...Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Unique Reference Number: ..DD/089/21/SS.....

Date decision may be implemented following call in (if necessary): .....N/A.....

Circulation to:

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