

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Assistant Director – Regeneration and Programmes gave Members presentations summarising two Derbyshire County Council documents: the Draft Tree & Woodland Strategy and the Community Forest Proposals.

Members referred to the map in the presentation of the proposed Community Forest area, and asked how many trees this area would include. The Assistant Director – Regeneration and Programmes agreed to investigate the number.

Update from the Assistant Director – Regeneration and Programmes:

“Following a question at Environment Scrutiny, I have been trying to find out how many trees there are in the planned Community Forest area. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any metric of current trees, with the focus instead on measuring our addition to the tree coverage through the aim to ‘Facilitate the planting of up to 300,000 trees within the Community Forest by March 2025’ in the first phase of activity, which will contribute to ‘Facilitating the planting of up to 1,000,000 trees in Derbyshire by 2030.’

“In more general terms, the Community Forest area is estimated to have a current canopy and woodland cover of 12.5% and the target is to increase this cover to 14.25%, as a contribution to the national increase target of from 14.5% to 16.5% by 2050.”