

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
3rd March 2020**

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Date 20th February 2020

REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TREE PLANTING SCHEME WORKING GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

AIM

1. To approve the Terms of Reference for a Tree Planting Scheme Working Group

BACKGROUND

2. On 17th December 2019 an Advisory Group provided a report and presented to a number of councillors on measures intended to address climate change issues.
3. On 4th February the Town Council considered a proposal from Cllr Fox to form a working group to consider one of the recommendations from the Advisory Group – Tree Planting.
4. Town Council minute 0406/1920 dated 4th February RESOLVED

That this Council agrees to move forward with a scheme to plant more trees in Bridgnorth and the surrounding area, and that a working group be convened to explore the feasibility of such a project at this stage.

That working group to comprise:

Cllr R Fox, Cllr G Davies, Cllr J Buckley, Cllr H Howell and Cllr C Dyson

DISCUSSION/ COMMENT

5. Members of the newly formed working group were contacted and asked to agree Terms of Reference that could be forwarded to Full Town Council for approval.
6. Cllr Dyson provided a form of words that appears to have some general consensus and these are attached as draft.

RECOMMENDATION(s)

7. It is recommended that the Town Council RESOLVES:

To approve the Tree Planting Scheme Working Group Terms of Reference in line with the draft (attached).

Lee Jakeman
Town Clerk

Tree Planting Scheme Working Group – Proposed Terms of Reference

The Working Group will comprise up to 5 Members.

The working group shall undertake the following roles and functions: -

1. To make recommendations to Town Council in relation to where and how trees should be planted in Bridgnorth and the surrounding area, given the available root stock and funding.
2. To undertake reasonable activity that can capture the opinion of the electorate, if considered necessary.
3. To liaise directly with Shropshire Council and other bodies, including funding bodies.
4. To agree implementation of any activity, once approved by Town Council.

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