

## **Report to Corporate Director**

**Subject:** PASC Tree Work Fees & Charges 2014-15

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-wide

### **Purpose**

To request approval to provide tree maintenance services to Gedling Borough Council clients who include, local residents, businesses and other public bodies and,

To introduce Parks and Street Care (PASC) Services tree work rates, recommending prices to be introduced with immediate effect.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

### **Background**

1. Gedling Borough Council PASC Services currently provide arboricultural services to internal clients. A trained and fully licenced team undertake this work. The Service seeks approval to enable this qualified, professional team to provide this same service to local residents, businesses and other public bodies.

PASC Services have reviewed the costs of providing such a service and seek further approval for new rates to be charged for carrying out this work with immediate effect.

These rates ensure all costs involved in carrying out the works are fully cost recovered, and we will ensure any target income for such works placed in the department's budget for forthcoming years is met.

### **Proposal**

- 2 It is proposed that the Council give approval to provide tree maintenance services to Gedling Borough Council clients including, local residents, businesses and other public bodies and,

That the Council agree the hourly tree work rates for 2014/15, a standard hourly rate of £63.47 and an overtime hourly rate of £78.99, with immediate effect.

## Alternative Options

- 3 An alternative option would be to not authorise the provision of this service and the charges proposed. This would result in a loss of income for PASC Services.

## Financial Implications

- 4 The following tree work rates will be charged with immediate effect. This reflects a standard rate and an overtime rate for weekend working, and covers such things as equipment, vehicle and labour costs.

**Standard Hourly Rate            £63.47**

**Overtime Hourly Rate            £78.99**

Any amount for such works will form part of PASC Services approved annual budget and all works will be charged on a full cost recovery basis.

## Appendices

- 5 None

## Background Papers

- 6 None

## Recommendation

7. **THAT:**

Approval is given to provide tree maintenance services to Gedling Borough Council clients who include local residents, businesses and other public bodies with immediate effect.

The hourly tree work rates for 2014/15 for the tree maintenance services are approved with immediate effect.

## Reasons for Recommendations

- 8 Applying the charges will increase Service income generation in 2014/15 and ensure that corporate budget requirements are met and PASC operative posts continue to be funded, thereby providing local jobs for local people.

It will also serve to ensure that the Borough's tree stocks are well maintained attracting others to the area and ensuring any Health and Safety duty of care is met.