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ITEM 39 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR TREE WORK IN MEMORIAL GARDENS

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Strategic Goal: Goal 1 Action against Climate Control
Summary: Considerations and costs for traffic management to support safe completion of planned tree work in Memorial Gardens

1. Background

- 1.1 Tree surveys have previously been completed in Memorial Gardens, Station Rd/High St. The survey identified work to three large trees: sycamore, horse chestnut and common lime, and the permissions for the work have been sought and granted.
- 1.2 To carry out the work efficiently and effectively the arborist appointed by the council has requested the support of traffic management.

2. Full Road Closure

- 2.1 This is the preferred option of our contractors, that will facilitate the use of their large equipment and sections of trees can be handled in the road, safely.
- 2.2 OCC are responsible for managing Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) with the following requirements:
- 12 weeks' notice for standard applications (Emergency options are available)
 - £1,055 for standard application and £1,725 for emergency applications
 - Confirmation of Public Liability Insurance (£10m) – applicable to contractors
 - £100 costs for Traffic Management Permit
 - Diversion route plans required
- 2.3 To support the road closure, we will require traffic management barriers and supervision and signage. Initial costs for these services include:
- Traffic management plan - £70
 - Equipment and supervisor on site - £250 (all prices exc. VAT)
 - Awaiting confirmation of signage costs (TBC)
- 2.4 Ideally the tree work would be carried out between school hours, or potentially on a Saturday. Whilst the latter option will not increase the costs of the tree work, it will likely increase the costs of the traffic management supervision.

3. Temporary Traffic Lights

- 3.1 This was initially thought to be an option, however given that contractors would be up in the trees over Station Rd, the large equipment required and the narrowness of Station Rd it would not be the safest or viable option.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To grant approval for application for a TTRO