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Programme Theme	Targets for 2024/25	Update	Complete/In progress/Not started
Monitoring and data management	<p>Create a monthly monitoring report that will capture the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of trees planted. - Number of trees receiving maintenance. - Number of trees removed. - Number of TPO's issued. - Number of TPO maintenance works. 	<p>Environment KPI report has been created, which includes tree data. This is being used to monitor tree works across the Borough.</p> <p>Trees planted for 2024/25 - 1,721. 150 grown and planted by Canopy 2050. Additional 1,000 trees scheduled for planting in February 2025.</p> <p>Total trees planted for 2024/25 – 2,871.</p>	Completed.
	Using GIS mapping, estimate the total number of trees under Council ownership.	Currently individual tree canopies can be identified but not those in a copse or a woodland.	In progress.
	Establish a carbon sequestration value for Council owned natural assets.	A basic model is available (sequestration value for Council owned assets, estimated to sequester 1,400 tonnes of carbon). This methodology requires further work.	Completed.
	Calculate the amenity value for Council trees.	A tool kit has been identified. Fields in Trust are looking at the amenity values for two of our sites.	Not started.
Tree Management and Maintenance	Ensure that all maintenance works takes place within the relevant pre-agreed timescales.	Watering of tree stock planted in the winter 2023/24, was watered on a weekly rolling programme through the summer of 2024.	Completed.

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	Deal with all dangerous trees within 24 hours after receiving the report.	There are contractors that can be called to deal with emergency trees. Their priority is to make the tree safe. They will then return to site to remove the wood.	Complete/on-going.
	Routine tree assessments will be carried out within four weeks.	All requests for routine tree assessments carried out within four weeks. If the Tree Officer is unavailable a contractor will be utilised.	Complete/on-going.
Planting and establishment of new trees	Plant 3,000 trees, 10% of which will be drought tolerant.	2,871 trees planted. 300+ were drought tolerant species, including Lime, Hawthorn and Birch. The 10% target was achieved.	In progress
	Provide 800 trees for the free tree scheme, utilising the Green Rewards Platform as a method for qualification. Consider other sustainable plant options for residents who do not have enough room in their garden for a tree.	Due to the popularity and higher cost of fruit trees, the team needed to adjust the target, giving away 300 free fruit trees and 200 Raspberry or Loganberry plants (for residents that didn't have room in their garden for a tree). This latter option proved very popular and the team plan to enhance the offering next year whilst maintaining a focus on fruit trees.	Complete/on-going.
	Identify 1 area and install a pocket orchard.	<p>One completed to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks Road open space (Toton Fields LNR) <p>Three planned in February 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasture Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford • Brinsley Headstocks • Bramcote Ridge 	Complete.

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	Identify and create one new woodland.	Small copse planted at Jubilee Park, Eastwood.	Complete.
	Establish an appropriate aftercare programme for new trees (especially during periods of extreme heat and drought).	Ongoing watering programme in place for 3 years to support new trees establishment. This is funded through the Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf).	Complete.
	Explore external funding opportunities to help support the tree planting programmes.	Successful bid to UTCf for £38,000. This has been used for 60 heavy standard trees and their upkeep for three years. These have been planted across the Borough.	Complete.
	Look for opportunities to increase Council owned tree canopy cover across the Borough.	A full audit of sites for future opportunities to be undertaken during 2025.	In progress.
	All trees to receive three years' aftercare after planting.	This in place and ongoing.	Complete.
	Increase tree canopy cover by 1% per annum.	Currently estimated at 26% for the Borough. The Council will continue to enhance the methodology used to help improve the accuracy of the report.	In progress
Enhance Biodiversity	Plant Black Poplars and re-wild the Erewash flood plain at Toton.	Discussions with Notts Wildlife Trust underway with a bid to the "Thriving in a Wilder Trent project" submitted. https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/news/project-boost-wildlife-trent-valley-gains-pace	In progress.

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	Evaluate the effectiveness the mulching around the base of new trees. Undertake a trial for benchmarking.	Mulching trial undertaken on an orchard at Cator Lane, Chilwell. Weed suppression was limited and required further intervention from the team but tree establishment was 100% (the mulch helped the ground to retain water). A more detailed trial is now being undertaken at Banks Road, Toton. An update will be provided in 2025/26.	Complete.
	Work with stakeholders to identify trees with the best biodiversity potential (including veteran trees) and look at ways to incorporate these into yearly planting plans.	This links in with the amenity value of veteran trees. This action will be picked up as part of the tree survey programme currently being developed and rolled out from April 2025.	In progress.
	If safe to do so, don't clear away felled or fallen trees.	Deadwood left at Bramcote Hills Park and Hall Park, Eastwood.	Complete.
Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	Identify opportunities to increase urban tree canopy to reduce urban heat islands.	Successful bid to UTCF specifically aimed at increasing urban tree cover.	Complete.
	Identify opportunities to diversify woodlands so that they are more resilient to natural hazards such as wildfires and storms.	Thinning works undertaken in young woodlands including Hall Park, Eastwood, Bramcote Hills Park and Colliers Wood. Once this work has been completed, under planting will follow in 2025/26. This will help to improve the biodiversity of these areas. Firebreak reinstated at Bramcote Ridge.	Complete.

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Communication and Stakeholder Engagement	Work with the Communications Team to ensure that sustainable management principles and maintenance regimes are clearly communicated to all key stakeholders.	Planting events at; Leyton Crescent, Beeston, Jubilee Park, Eastwood and Bramcote Hills Park all successfully publicised. Email me – Parks and Green Spaces bulletin circulated monthly.	Complete.
	Engage with community groups to identify three woodland enhancement planting projects.	Projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canopy 2050 - Bramcote Hills Park • Leyton Wilding Group - Leyton Crescent • Beeston Lawrence View junior school - Jubilee Park, Eastwood. 	Complete.
	Undertake regular toolbox talk training sessions on tree maintenance with the Grounds Maintenance team.	Regular toolbox talks undertaken on a range of management topics throughout the year.	Complete.
Pests and disease management in trees	Maintain awareness of emerging tree pests and diseases and adapt management practices accordingly.	All officers fully conversant with Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) including ID and reporting requirements. This has also been covered in toolbox talks.	Complete.
	Undertake proactive inspections on trees for pests and diseases.	All officers fully conversant with Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) including ID and reporting requirements. This has also been covered in toolbox talks. Tree officer/Grounds Maintenance teams also remain vigilant for other tree issues.	Complete.
	Ensure and obtain relevant documentation that all trees purchased for the Council are	Native Trees specified for all natural plantings. Biosecurity certificates available from current suppliers.	Complete.

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	UK native species, grown in the UK.		
Health and Wellbeing	To increase the number of residents taking part in the 'switch off' action on the Green Rewards platform by 5%.	April 2023/24 – 869 residents April 2024/25 – 590 (as of February 2025) Whilst the goal for this year wasn't met, it encouraging to see that 590 residents have engaged in this activity so far. Efforts will continue to boost involvement in 25/26.	In progress.
	Produce a Green Social prescribing model in relation to health and wellbeing for the Borough.	Work in this area continues, which includes the production of a 'Green Book' aimed at supporting health and wellbeing in the Borough.	In progress.
	Utilise wood from routine maintenance work, to support activities such as basket making and supporting structures for gardens and allotments.	This has not been completed with off-site users, but the Friends Group at Colliers Wood have constructed on site habitat piles from felled timber.	In progress.