

5. CENTRAL CITY TREE STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a strategy for tree planting in the central city. This strategy has been developed as part of the Mayoral Forum's Central City Revitalisation Strategy.

THE CENTRAL CITY TREE STRATEGY

Recently a strategy for the planting of street trees in the central city has been developed as part of the Mayoral Forum's Central City Revitalisation Strategy. The Green Streets Strategy (which has been circulated separately to Board members) has been produced to guide the planning of street tree planting in the central city. Essentially the strategy aims to achieve the following (also see page 4 of the strategy):

- To outline the reasons why street trees are important
- To identify streets requiring trees
- To set street tree planting priorities
- To identify suitable design options
- To identify practical considerations that will influence the location of trees

The Parks and Waterways Unit will take primary responsibility for the implementation and maintenance of street tree planting. Funding for planting will likely come from various sources. The principal source of funding will be \$30,000 allocated annually from 2004/05 for five years for central city amenity. This funding falls within the Parks and Waterways Unit budget. It is anticipated that street tree planting will get underway next year, with Worcester Street east of Latimer Square being given priority. Local residents will be consulted where any street tree planting is proposed.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board support the Central City Green Streets Strategy.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.