



2. ATTLEE CRESCENT – STREET TREES

The Board considered a report from officers in response to an earlier petition from 14 residents requesting the removal of the fruiting plum trees in Attlee Crescent.

The report highlighted the steps subsequently taken to obtain the views of the residents and indicated that a majority favoured the replacement of the existing trees with a more suitable species.

Of the two options put forward, the preference of both the Parks and City Streets Units was to increase the frequency of street sweeping in Attlee Crescent over the fruit fall season thereby retaining the trees except for three identified as being in poor condition. The remainder of the trees would be replaced as they reached the end of their useful life.

It was noted that a decision on the future of the trees would rest with the Council's City Services Committee.

The matter of undertaking further discussions with the residents including the option of progressively replacing the trees was discussed but was not supported by the majority of members present.

The benefits of the Board undertaking site visits to assess and evaluate similar situations in other streets was mentioned as worthy of consideration at a later time.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the City Services Committee that the flowering plum trees in Attlee Crescent be retained subject to the following conditions:

1. The existing healthy trees being retained for the remainder of their serviceable life.
2. The existing street trees being replaced with a non-fruiting tree of the same species when they become diseased or die.
3. Attlee Crescent's channels and carriageway being swept on a weekly cycle during the fruiting season.
4. The above measures being reviewed in April 2001.
5. The residents being informed of the above outcomes.