

Motion proposed by Councillor V Harvey:

Background

The Tree Council act as a critical friend to Network Rail and are called in by them to help situations where residents are unhappy at the trackside maintenance carried out by Network Rail. They were called in by Network Rail in February 2021 due to the level of tree felling by Leighton Buzzard station and are working with residents and Cllr Harvey as Linslade CBC Cllr to replant some of the areas that were felled. The Tree Council also receive funding from Network Rail for Community tree and shrub planting and recently made an offer to Cllr Harvey that they would be very keen to use some of their funding to do some community tree/ shrub planting in the Leighton Linslade area and some on Town Council land. This suggestion has been discussed with Ian Haynes and obviously depends on the right shrub in the right place and any maintenance costs to LLTC.

This is still in early discussions, but there is a time pressure for ordering trees and shrubs due to the demand this year. If the decision was delayed until December it is very likely that this would be too late and LLTC would lose the offer.

Motion

To endorse in principle the offer of funding for tree/shrub planting from the Tree Council and that the detail of what can be planted and where is delegated to the Town Clerk.