

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 28 July 2009

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Stallan

Item: 10

1. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE – HOUSING TREE MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Recommending:

That, in order to complete the major tree work and shrub maintenance project on housing land at Ninefields, Waltham Abbey, a supplementary estimate for 2009/2010 in the sum of £38,000, to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) balances, be approved.

1. At its meeting on 16 December 2008, the Council agreed a supplementary estimate for 2008/2009 in the sum of £64,000, funded from the Housing Revenue Account to clear the backlog of major tree work and to undertake additional shrub maintenance on Council-owned land. The supplementary estimate included approximately £38,000 for work on the Shernbroke Road side of the Ninefields Estate, Waltham Abbey.
2. At that time we identified that further work to trees and shrubs would be needed at Ninefields in 2010/2011 which would cost approximately a further £38,000.
3. As all of the work planned for this year on the Shernbroke Road side of Ninefields Estate has now been completed we are seeking a supplementary estimate for 2009/2010 in the sum of £38,000 to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account balances to enable the outstanding work to be completed one year earlier than originally anticipated.
4. The proposed work will substantially improve the environment for residents living on the Shernbroke Road side of the Ninefields Estate, which is in need of further tree and shrub maintenance works.
5. In the summer of 2008, a survey form was sent to 382 residents living on the Shernbroke Road side of the Ninefields Estate and replies were received from 106 (28%). Approximately 80% of the replies agreed that the work should be undertaken
6. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this work.