ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN, LORN & ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

&

10 OCTOBER 2012

CLOCK TOWER - OBAN

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides members with information regarding maintenance issues in relation to the trees at the Clock Tower, Oban. The report proposes that arboriculture works are carried out at this location.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members give approval for arboriculture works to be carried out to the trees around the Clock Tower.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Clock Tower area is a focal point within Oban town centre. The Council has a duty for the maintenance of this area and for ensuring that the features within the town are retained for the benefit of residents and visitors.
- 3.2 The trees at this location have outgrown their environment. The trees are detracting from the tower and are becoming unsightly and creating a nuisance. The issue relates to seven trees planted around the tower.
- 3.3 The Clock Tower is a focal point in the town centre environment. This location should be available for residents, visitors etc. to view the tower. Arboriculture works are required to enable the tower to be opened up for all to see.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides members with information regarding maintenance issues in relation to the trees at the Clock Tower, Oban. The report proposes that arboriculture works are carried out at this location.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

Policy 5.1 None.

5.2 **Financial** £200 for the disposal of trees' prunings.

Works would be carried out by the existing workforce. 5.3 Personnel

5.4 **Equalities Impact** None.

Assessment

5.5 Legal None.

For further information, please contact Tom Murphy, Streetscene Manager, Tel: 01436 658908.

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