

Duchess Wood Routine Maintenance

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**1. SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the up-to-date position in regards to the routine maintenance of Duchess Woods.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members note this report.

**3. DETAIL**

- 1) Litter Bins. After the problems over the winter months these have now been resolved and the litter bin service is back to normal and they are being collected as per schedule.
- 2) Winter General Works. The trees at adjacent to the end of Duchess Park have been inspected over the last couple of week and the works have been put on hold until next winter. There will be further checks carried out over summer months to see if there are any signs of die back at this location that may require this works to be carried out earlier. Over the latter part of this summer a full tree inspection will be carried out along the eastern boundary of the wood to identify works for winter 2014/2015.
- 3) Knotweed. The two main areas that have been treated over the last few years are showing marked reduction in size/vigour of the plants and the areas are reducing in size. Rhu Road High area the plants are not managing to grow much higher than a meter in height and in some cases they are only 30cm high. Duchess Wood car park this area is not growing as densely as it once did and there is also a reduction in the size of the plants. Area next to Strathclyde Court on inspection no Knotweed was found there, this area will continue to be checked over coming months and if no weed appears then this area will be taken off the list of Knotweed contaminated areas. Rear of Duchess Park this area has been treated the least therefore there is more work to be

carried out here over coming season/s. Treatment for May has been carried out on all three areas where Knotweed has been found this year.

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