

**Routine Maintenance**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 External works required over the next two month includes trees West Highland Line and trees overhanging Strathclyde Court Garages. It is hoped that costs for these works will be available for the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

1.2 Litter bin will be emptied as per normal collection over next three months.

1.3 Knotweed treatment will be started once there is growth that can be treated this should be within the next three/four weeks. Areas included Car Park area, area off Rhu Road Higher, Duchess Park area and at the top of playing field closed to Strathclyde Court garages.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Tree works on the boundary between Duchess Wood and West Highland Railway will have to be carried out with an external contractor within the next month.

2.2 Strathclyde Court Garages works will also have to be carried over the next month and this should also be carried out by external contactor.

**3.0 DETAILS**

3.1 Litter Bins were empties as normal over the winter period and will continue to be emptied over the next three months.

3.2 British Rail has been in contact with regards two dangerous trees that are right on the boundary between the wood and the West Highland Line. These works include one tree that is hung up on another and the tree that it is hung up is also in poor condition. This will involve closing the West Highland Line for an hour and a half during day time or overnight between 23:00 and 5:30 depending on time require for these works. We are currently looking into getting prices for these works as these works cannot be carried out by council staff at present.

3.3 Two dangerous trees at the entrance to Duchess Woods car park these have been cut down on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

3.4 Trees at the rear/side of 22 Duchess Park these have been cut down over a couple of months ago.

3.5 Knotweed treatment will be carried out as per the last few years.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 An number of the works carried out over last three months have involved tree works. This has resulted in a larger resource requirement than that would normally be associated with regular maintenance therefore a small charge will be put against Duchess Woods. Regular maintenance such as litter bins and Knotweed treatment will be on going over next three months.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy – None

5.2 Financial – The works at West Highland Line and Strathclyde Garages will be recharged back to Duchess Wood cost code. There is also an equipment cost back to the woods with regards works carried out at Duchess Park.

5.3 Legal – None

5.4 HR – None

5.5 Equalities – None

5.6 Risk – There is a Health and Safety issue with regards trees at West Highland Line and Strathclyde Court Garages and therefore we will have to get external works fixed out.

5.7 Customer Services –None

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