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Arboricultural Resources

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

STAFF RESOURCES	
Please state the name of your Local Authority	LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL (& SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK where it overlaps LDC) and EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Please state the total number of Arboricultural Officers or officers who are employed on tree-related work	Number	2
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Do you have a technical officer to support the Arboricultural Officers/officers employed to undertake tree-related work?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Do all the tree officers/officers employed to undertake tree-related work, work in the same department?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If no to the above question; please provide the total numbers of arboricultural staff allocated to the following council departments		
	Department	Number of officers
	Highways	
	Planning	
	Parks and Open Spaces	
	Leisure services	
Other (Please specify)		

Do you hire external consultants to undertake arboricultural services (i.e. tree surveying, planning application consultations, section 211 notifications/Tree Preservation Order applications). If yes, please state how many.

Yes	x	No		Number	1
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Do you have a tree warden scheme, if yes please provide the numbers of wardens					
Yes		No	x	Number	

Do you employ a trainee(s) or apprentice(s)? If yes, please state how many and what role they undertake?					
Yes		No	x	Number	
Role					

Please give a breakdown (where applicable) of your LA's total spending for all tree-related work for the following financial years, excluding staffing costs, according to the following categories.				
	Department	2016	2017	2018
	Highways	£	£	£
	Parks and Open Spaces	Unfortunately, tree works are covered under a number of budgets and are not accounted for separately. Therefore figures are unavailable.		
	Leisure services	£	£	£
	Cemeteries	£	£	£
	Property Services	£	£	£
	Education premises	£	£	£
	LA housing	£	£	£
	LA woodland management	£	£	£
	Other	£	£	£

Please provide the total annual amount spent by your LA to engage consultants on tree related work			
	2016	2017	2018
	£3000	£3000	£000

TREE PLANTING

Do you have an annual tree planting program	Yes		No	x
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If yes, do you conduct annual tree planting checks to determine the viability of newly planted trees?	Yes		No	
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What month of the year do you order your new tree stock	Month	
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Do you tender for annual tree planting contracts?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Do you tender for tree planting maintenance (weeding, watering, mulching, re-staking etc.) contracts?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Is your tree planting contract undertaken as part of a larger grounds maintenance contract?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Is your tree planting maintenance undertaken as part of a larger grounds maintenance contract?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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How many years do you provide a maintenance package for newly planted trees?							
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide you LA's total budget for tree planting (excluding maintenance contracts i.e. weeding, watering re-staking etc.)			
There is no set tree budget	2016	2017	2018
	£	£	£

Please provide you LA's total budget for tree maintenance contracts			
There is no set budget	2016	2017	2018
	£	£	£

SURVEYS

Size of your Local Authority (square miles)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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Please specify the categories of trees and woodland where your local authority has or has not conducted tree surveys within the last five years and indicate whether this was a full survey of all such trees or only a partial or sample survey.

	Department	Full survey	Partial Survey	Sample survey	Not Surveyed
	Highways	Highways are maintained by ESCC			
	Parks and Open Spaces		*		
	Leisure services		*		
	Cemeteries		*		

	Property Services				*
	Education premises	ESCC			
	LA housing		*		
	LA woodland		*		
Other	Varied according to need				

Please specify the number of trees your LA currently manages in each of the following categories, AND tick if this is based on an estimate or an accurate record.

	Department	Number	Accurate	Estimated
	Highways			
	Parks and Open Spaces			10000
	Leisure services			
	Cemeteries			1000
	Property Services			
	Education premises			
	LA housing			
	LA woodland (hectares)			
Other				

Please indicate whether your LA uses a computerised tree management or inventory system and if so, specify when this was first used.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Year implemented	2005
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Please give the name of the software that is currently in use and specify the source of the software.

Name of software	PSS Live				
Off the shelf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bespoke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Developed in-house	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate (by placing an x in the relevant box) the categories of trees covered by and the extent of use of this computerised system

	Department	Enquires	Inventory	Inspection	Work program	On-site	GIS
	Highways						
	Parks and		*	*			

	Open Spaces						
	Leisure services						
	Cemeteries		*	*			
	Property Services						
	Education premises						
	LA housing						
	LA woodland						
Other							

Does your local Authority have a mapping system, if yes please provide the name of the program

Yes	x	No		Name of program	Map Explorer 2 & GIS (Unknown)
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Please estimate the percentage of all tree maintenance work on your LA trees and woodland that is currently done on a systematic, regularly scheduled cycle and the percentage that is done 'on demand' in response to requests, complaints or hazardous situations.

Scheduled (pro-active) %	On demand (reactive) %

Does your local authority have an existing strategy relevant to trees or woodlands that embraces the entire LA district, or are any being prepared?

	Strategy Type	Existing	Adopted	In preparation
	Tree			
	Woodland			
	Landscape			
	Green space			
	SUDS			
	Development Control			
Other	Risk Management			

Please provide a web link for the named existing and adopted strategies highlighted above.

Strategy	Web Link

Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Areas and Development Control

How many existing Tree Preservation Orders does your Local Authority Administer	758 (less rescinded Orders)
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How many Conservation Areas are there within your Local Authority	47
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How many tree preservation orders did your Local Authority make in the following financial years

2015	2016	2017
5	7	9

Do you have a technical officer to administer and serve TPO	Yes	x	No	
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How many Tree Preservation Order applications were made in the following years

2015	2016	2017
160	191	198

How many Conservation Area notifications did your Local Authority receive in the following years

2015	2016	2017
232	262	292

Please state the number of prosecutions against infringement of TPO's in the following years

Strategy Type	2015	2016	2017
Wilful destruction	0	0	1
Wilful damage	0	0	1
Exceeding consent	0	0	0
Non-compliance with conditions	3	4	2

Please state the number of Tree Replacement Notices (TRN'S) your Local Authority served in the following years

2015	2016	2017
0	0	0

Please specify if your LA has undertaken, or is currently undertaking, a review of its TPOs	Yes	x	No	
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If yes to the above question, what additional resources have been provided (please tick relevant boxes)			
In-house staff	0	External consultants	0
Yet to be determined		None	
Apprentice		Trainee	