

To Full Council – 18th July 2024

Notice of Motion

A Tree For Every Child Registered at Southend Council

Trees have a variety of positive impacts on our City. They can lower the temperature of city streets during extreme heat, increase flood defence, enable good mental health, reduce our Carbon footprint, and of course improve the street scene of our City.

However, for many years the City appears to have lost more trees than it has been able to plant and the '2 for 1' policy has historically been difficult to implement. This has meant that residents often feel that trees are not being replaced.

Trees are often seen as a celebration of life and so the feeling from residents that their number is decreasing often brings distress.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. Plant a tree sapling for every childbirth registered at Southend Council.
2. Provide details to the parents of the child of the whereabouts of their child's tree.

Proposed By: Cllr Daniel Nelson

Seconded By: Cllr Alan Dear