

Full Council 18th July 2024

Amendments to Notices 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. ~~To offer to plant a tree sapling for every childbirth registered at Southend Council.~~ **To offer to plant a tree sapling for every childbirth registered at Southend Council, in areas of the city designated for this purpose, details of which can be provided to parents.**
2. ~~Provide details to the parents of the child of the whereabouts of their child's tree.~~ **To offer to plant a tree to every resident receiving their British Citizenship at Southend-on-Sea City Council with an appropriate accompanying letter to symbolise their putting down roots in our city.**

Proposed by: Cllr Lydia Hyde

Seconded by: Cllr Carole Mulrone