

Title of Report:	The Impact of Storms on Trees within the Councils Estate
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities Protecting and enhancing our environment and assets
Outcome	Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health. Our natural assets will be carefully managed to generate economic and social returns without compromising their sustainability for future generations.
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism and Recreation

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	Autumn/Winter 2025

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£12,000.00
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of the loss of trees within the council Estate by storms over the recent years and the proposed work by Coast & Countryside with the Estates Team to replant 200 trees within the estate.

2.0 **Background**

2.1 In the last 5 years there has been 5 major named storms which have caused significant damage and destruction to trees within Councils Estate.

- Storm Ciara (February 2020), Ciara swept through Europe with winds exceeding 60mph.
- Storm Arwen (November 2021) with winds reaching 98mph.
- Storm Eunice (February 2022) breaking records with gusts of 122mph.
- Storm Darragh (December 2024) 90mph winds.
- Storm Éowyn (24 January 2025) with winds of 97mph.

2.2 Estates has estimated that there is a loss of about 200 trees due to these major storms and others.

2.3 Tree storm damage is a visible reminder of our environment's challenges. It also raises question about balancing loss and restoration.

3.0 **Proposals**

3.1 Under the Estate Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council 2025 – 2030

- Area 4 Sustainable Accessible Environment, Protecting the natural environment, addressing climate change issues, Access to natural environment and a Sustainable environment

Coast & Countryside with Estates Team propose to plant 200 trees across council's estates at an approximate height of 5metres /10-12cm girth at approximately £60 each (bare root) in the autumn 2025.

The indicative cost for this replanting scheme is £12,000.

4.0 **Recommendation**

Elected Members are asked to note the content of this report.