

ASH DIEBACK

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services updating on the impact and costs associated with the management of Ash Dieback in West Lothian.

It was recommended that the panel:

1. note the environmental impact that Ash Dieback would have across West Lothian;
2. note the significant future costs for the council to remove or make safe dead or failing Ash trees;
3. note that the council was required to act through the implementation of an Ash Dieback Action Plan;
4. advise officers of any further actions required to mitigate the impact of Ash Dieback across West Lothian; and
5. note that the panel would be provided with a further update on the finalised Ash Dieback Action Plan, in February 2022.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.