



## Open Spaces and City Gardens

**Date:** MONDAY, 22 JULY 2013

**Time:** 2.30pm

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

**Members:** Alderman Robert Hall  
Alderman Ian Luder  
Wendy Mead  
Deputy Michael Welbank  
Deputy Alex Deane  
Deputy Robert Howard  
Barbara Newman  
Jeremy Simons  
Alderman Gordon Haines (Ex-Officio Member)  
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**Observers:** Verderer Peter Adams (Epping Forest and Commons Committee)  
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**Lunch will be served in the Guildhall Club at 1pm**

**John Barradell**  
**Town Clerk and Chief Executive**

## **AGENDA**

Item 10 (a)

**Blue Trees Project Extension** (Pages 1 - 2)

A report of the Director of Open Spaces (copy attached).

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| <b>Committee(s):</b>   | <b>Date(s):</b> |                     |
| Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee   | 22 July 2013    |                     |
| <b>Subject: Blue Trees Project Extension</b>   |                 | <b>Public</b>       |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Director of Open Spaces   |                 | <b>For Decision</b> |
| <p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>A request has been received by Trees for Cities to extend the Blue Trees art installation at three gardens in the City of London. The blue trees have generated interest from the media and visitors to the gardens.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That the extension of the 26<sup>th</sup> July until the 27<sup>th</sup> September is agreed.</p> |                 |                     |

## **Main Report**

### **1. Background**

In partnership with Trees for Cities, tree at three sites in the City of London have been coloured blue by the Australian artist Konstantin Dimopoulos. Blue Trees are currently in three locations: Festival Gardens, Devonshire Square and Aldermanbury Square.

### **2. Current Position**

The trees were coloured by Konstantin Dimpoulos at the end of June. The trees have attracted interests among visitors and publicity for the City of London's open spaces. A request has been received by Trees for Cities to postpone the removal of the colourant. It is proposed that instead of the colourant being removed on the 26th of July, it remains in place until the 27th of the September.

### **3. Financial and Risk implications**

The extension of the installation does not incur any financial cost to the City of London.

#### **4. Conclusion**

Given the popularity of the installation and the absence of any associated costs or risks with postponing the removal of the colourant it is proposed that the request from Trees for Cities is agreed.

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