Recommendations: Advocacy

Council should strengthen its advocacy efforts for the following ideas by including statistics and other evidence from the Shaping Unley Tree Canopy consultation to demonstrate the Unley community's support for legislative change.

IDEA NO.	IDEAS PRIORITISED IN VOTING ORDER		
3	A minimum percentage of tree canopy cover on all development sites that increase the building footprint.		
8	Stronger protection of existing trees on all proposed development sites to limit tree removal.		
14	Strengthening legislation to safeguard significant trees on private property, including large development sites.		
16	Stronger state regulations around planting, enforcement and larger penalties for tree removal.		
22	Extending the criteria to increase the number of trees being assessed as regulated and significant trees. e.g. circumference of trees being less.		
26	The use of an agreed tree valuation formula state-wide to better reflect the value of trees to the environment and promote them as assets.		





Recommendations: Improvements

Council should improve the way we currently deliver the following ideas by taking the community's feedback from the Shaping Unley consultation on board.

IDEA NO.	COUNCIL ROLE	IDEAS PRIORITISED IN VOTING ORDER
4	DELIVER	Providing information to educate the community about tree selection, planting, and maintenance for healthy trees.
7	PARTNER	Collaborating with other organisations to increase biodiversity and promote native trees and shrubs for endangered species, including birds and microbats.
9	SUPPORT Encouraging the use of permeable pavements in the construction of driveways, carparks and other areas to enable deeper root access to water, air, and nutrients to support healthy tree growth	
11	DELIVER	Using LiDAR, heat mapping and other data to target homeowners with initiatives to promote tree canopy growth and maintenance on their properties.

Recommendations: Investigate further

Council supports the following ideas for further investigation through feasibility cases which will be presented to Council over the next twelve months.

IDEA NO.	COUNCIL ROLE	IDEAS PRIORITISED IN VOTING ORDER	EFFORT (SME Assessment)	IMPACT (Panel Rating)
1*	DELIVER	Providing arborist services for the health, safety, and maintenance of all large trees (significant and regulated) on private land, including annual inspections and pruning services.		
2*	SUPPORT	General maintenance support and services for residents needing assistance with the impact of having other large trees. e.g. pruning, gutter cleaning, mulch destruction.	High	
5*	SUPPORT	Maintenance support and services for residents who are unable to care for their trees and gardens, particularly those who are vulnerable or isolated.	High	
10	PARTNER	Working with private carpark owners within the area to increase tree canopy on their properties. (24/25 Project bid)	Medium/ High	
12		Investigating an increase in the frequency of green organic bin collection to support the maintenance of trees. (24/25 Project bid)	Medium/ High	
13	SUPPORT	Free advice about trees, including guidance on best selection and placement of trees.	High	

^{*}Ideas 1,2 and 5 will be combined for the purpose of the investigation.

Recommendations: Continued Effort

Council should continue its efforts in the following:

IDEA NO.	COUNCIL ROLE	IDEAS PRIORITISED IN VOTING ORDER	
17	SUPPORT	Financial support or incentives to support property owners to plant and retain trees e.g. grants, subsidies, incentive schemes, free trees, tree vouchers to buy a good size tree. (24/25 Project Bid)	
18	PARTNER	Dispelling myths and common misconceptions about the negative impact of large trees in partnership with other councils and community organisations.	
23	DELIVER	Delivering educational campaigns about how trees help build a community's resilience to climate change including the benefits trees can have on property value.	
27	PARTNER	Educating the community about the effects of climate change using heat maps, and the impact of canopy loss on temperature and energy costs.	