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REQUEST

1. When trees in are pruned or felled by or as part of work done or ordered by the council, do council employees do this or are external contractors used?
2. If you have council workers undertaking this work, what process, policy or procedure do you have in place to dispose of timber?
3. If you do have a process, policy or procedure in place to dispose of timber, how is this audited to prevent timber from being disposed of outside of the process, policy or procedure?
4. If you do not have a process, policy or procedure in place for the disposal of timber, how do you ensure it is not stolen / misappropriated?
5. Does, or is the council planning to sell timber that it does not put to other practical use?
6. Do council staff have the right to take timber for their own purpose, be that for private use or for them to sell?
7. How many trees were taken down in the last three full financial years and what is the approximate weight (un-dried) of trees and pruning from trees that are taken down?

ANSWER

- 1/ Trees are pruned and or felled by our own staff and contractors this split is 90% own staff 10% contractors.
- 2/We do not have any written policy or procedure in place for the disposal of timber.
- 3/ N/A
- 4/ Timber is returned to the depot and on occasions members of staff and the public can take firewood for their own use.
- 5/ At this stage there are no plans for the Council to sell the timber.
- 6/ Staff and the public are allowed to collect wood for their own use.
- 7/ We have no knowledge of the number of trees taken down or the approximate weight.