

## **TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY NO. 4 – SUSTAINABILITY**

The County Council aims to achieve the following sustainability targets : -

### **WOODLANDS**

The County Council will adopt standards of woodland management in all its woodlands commensurate with the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS).

### **TREE PLANTING**

- a) The County Council will, as a minimum standard, replace all individual, non-woodland trees which are felled on a one for one basis on all its sites providing the planting site is suitable.
- b) The County Council will seek to increase its tree population by implementing appropriate tree planting schemes on suitable sites. Such planting will include landscaping on capital schemes and woodland establishment in target areas such as the National Forest.
- c) The County Council will encourage private tree owners to plant replacements when mature trees adjacent to the highway have to be removed for safety reasons.
- d) The County Council will continue to support and encourage other authorities to implement well planned tree planting schemes which promote sustainable tree management.

### **LONG TERM MAINTENANCE AND AFTERCARE**

The County Council will provide appropriate long term maintenance to new tree planting to ensure that these features reach their full potential in environmental terms, and initial investment is maximised.

### **RE-CYCLING OF WOOD WASTE AND UTILISATION OF TIMBER**

The County Council shall continue to explore various options relating to the utilisation of timber and the re-cycling of wood waste. Possible partnerships with other producers will be investigated to identify future viable markets for timber and other by-products of tree maintenance operations.