

TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY NO. 5 – WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The County Council will manage its woodlands to achieve the following management objectives : -

- 1) Provide management plans for all woodland areas over 5 hectares.
- 2) Aim to diversify the age-class of trees within woodlands by adopting a policy of periodic thinning/harvesting and restocking which in the long term will create diverse, uneven aged tree populations.
- 3) Continue to carry out low key operations such as coppicing as part of long term management systems to conserve and enhance the nature conservation value of woodlands.
- 4) Ensure that sufficient funding is available from revenue budgets, external grants and timber sales to ensure that appropriate on-going woodland management can be undertaken on all County Council woodlands.