

8 REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY CENTRE TREE CONTAINERS (AN18-2004)

The Leisure and Arts Department together with the Economic Development and Planning and Transportation Departments are formulating proposals for improving the floral displays in the City Centre. A report on this issue will be submitted to this Committee for consideration in the near future.

As part of an early action plan and in order to meet the planting window for 2003/04 it is proposed to renew the containers and the trees in the City Square. The existing trees are now too large for the containers and showed signs of stress last Summer, even although they were adequately watered. In addition the containers in use are not ideal for semi matured trees in terms of water retention, in particular, but are also difficult to manoeuvre in the City Square for special events for example.