



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **LONDON TREE OFFICERS ELECT NEW COMMITTEE TO CHAMPION THE WORK OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION THE LONDON TREE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

12 Tree Officers from different London Boroughs will lead the LTOA forward over the coming year. They were elected onto the executive committee to represent Tree Officers across London. On behalf of The London Tree Officers Association (LTOA) the committee will represent the organisation nationally and locally, and ensure that members are kept up to date with new developments in arboriculture, threats to trees, and policy issues by maintaining a valuable network between the 33 boroughs, and arranging technical seminars. In addition the Executive will continue to be a strong voice in influencing legislation, research and guidance to ensure that London's trees are at the heart of the policy making process and are protected and maintained for future generations.

The committee is made up of representatives from inner and outer London Boroughs. They are as follows: Dave Lofthouse, LB Merton (Chair), Jake Tibbetts, LB Islington (Vice Chair), Andy Tipping, LB Barnet; Oliver Stutter, LB Southwark; Paul Akers, City of

Westminster; Steve Fuller, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; Barbara Milne, City of Westminster; Rupert Bentley Walls, LB Hackney; Maggie Toms, LB Sutton; Lawrence Usherwood, LB Brent and Richard Edwards, LB Croydon.

Dave Lofthouse, new Chair of the LTOA, said 'We hope to build on our successes in producing timely and topical professional guidance and information documents for London and our members and we will continue to increase our participation in the production of other guidelines and standards by such groups as the "National Tree Safety Group" and the Trees and Design Action Group'.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

The London Tree Officers Association (LTOA) provides an information network for the exchange of views, experiences and ideas on trees. The Association dates back to 1982 and aims to enhance the management of the Capital's trees and woodlands. It involves local government Tree Officers in all 33 London Boroughs from which there are approximately 90 members. The LTOA is funded by London Borough subscriptions and an associate member scheme. For more information take a look at the LTOA website at [www.ltoa.org.uk](http://www.ltoa.org.uk).

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