

SUBJECT:	WORK TO TREES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP
DIRECTORATE:	COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of the reasons for proposed works to trees in City Council ownership, and to seek consent to progress the works identified.
- 1.2 This list does not represent all the work undertaken to Council trees. It is all the instances where a tree is either identified for removal, or where a tree enjoys some element of protection under planning legislation, and thus formal consent is required.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with policy, Committee's views are sought in respect of proposed works to trees in City Council ownership, see Appendix A.
- 2.2 The responsibility for the management of any given tree is determined by the ownership responsibilities of the land on which it stands. Trees within this schedule are therefore on land owned by the Council, with management responsibilities distributed according to the purpose of the land. However, it may also include trees that stand on land for which the council has management responsibilities under a formal agreement but is not the owner.

3. Tree Assessment

- 3.1 All cases are brought to this committee only after careful consideration and assessment by the Council's Arboricultural Officer (together with independent advice where considered appropriate).
- 3.2 All relevant Ward Councillors are notified of the proposed works for their respective wards prior to the submission of this report.
- 3.3 Although the Council strives to replace any tree that has to be removed, in some instances it is not possible or desirable to replant a tree in either the exact location or of the same species. In these cases a replacement of an appropriate species is scheduled to be planted in an alternative appropriate location. This is usually in the general locality where this is practical, but where this is not practical, an alternative location elsewhere in the city may be selected. Tree planting is normally scheduled for the winter months following the removal.

4. Consultation and Communication

- 4.1 All ward Councillors are informed of proposed works on this schedule, which are within their respective ward boundaries.
- 4.2 The relevant portfolio holders are advised in advance in all instances where, in the judgement of officers, the matters arising within the report are likely to be sensitive or contentious.

5. Strategic Priorities

5.1 Let's enhance our remarkable place

The Council acknowledges the importance of trees and tree planting to the environment. Replacement trees are routinely scheduled wherever a tree has to be removed, in-line with City Council policy.

6. Organisational Impacts

6.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

i) Finance

The costs of any tree works arising from this report will be borne by the existing budgets. There are no other financial implications, capital or revenue, unless stated otherwise in the works schedule.

ii) Staffing N/A

iii) Property/Land/ Accommodation Implications N/A

iv) Procurement

All works arising from this report are undertaken by the City Council's ground maintenance contractor. The Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contractor ends August 2020. The staff are all suitably trained, qualified, and experienced.

6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

All works arising from this report are undertaken by the Council's grounds maintenance contractor. The contractor was appointed after an extensive competitive tendering exercise. The contract for this work was let in April 2006.

The Council is compliant with all TPO and Conservation area legislative requirements.

6.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

There are no negative implications.

7. Risk Implications

7.1 The work identified on the attached schedule represents the Arboricultural Officer's

advice to the Council relevant to the specific situation identified. This is a balance of assessment pertaining to the health of the tree, its environment, and any legal or health and safety concerns. In all instances the protection of the public is taken as paramount. Deviation from the recommendations for any particular situation may carry ramifications. These can be outlined by the Arboricultural Officer pertinent to any specific case.

7.2 Where appropriate, the recommended actions within the schedule have been subject to a formal risk assessment. Failure to act on the recommendations of the Arboricultural Officer could leave the City Council open to allegations that it has not acted responsibly in the discharge of its responsibilities.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the works set out in the attached schedules be approved.

Is this a key decision?

No

Do the exempt information categories apply?

No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?

No

How many appendices does the report contain?

1 schedule.

List of Background Papers:

None

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**NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORK TO TREES AND HEDGES
RELEVANT TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP STATUS.
SCHEDULE No 1 / SCHEDULE DATE: 16/01/19**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Adjacent to 30 Tower Avenue.	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 3 Pear trees. Fell, the trees are causing access problems.	Approve and replant with 3 Cherry trees in a suitable location.
2	N/A	Birchwood Nature Park, to rear of Kingsdown Road.	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 Cherry. Fell, the tree is of poor form and to prevent future damage to property.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
3	N/A	Doddington Road tree belt.	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 Corsican Pine. Fell, to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with 1 Scots Pine.
4	N/A	Rear garden of 12 Bawtry Close.	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 Lime. Fell, to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with an Oak in a suitable location.
5	N/A	Grounds of 11 Snowberry Gardens	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 Cypress and self-set sycamore. Fell to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with 1 Rowan and 1 Field Maple in a suitable location.
6	N/A	Boultham Park.	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 Sycamore Fell, the tree is diseased and dying. 2 Alders Fell, one is dead and the other has decay	Approve and replant with a Norway Maple. Approve and replant with 2 Alders.

			present at the base	
7	CAC	Hartsholme Drive and Westwood Close.	<u>Boultham Ward</u> Notification of Intent on behalf of Lincs County Council 18 Limes 1 Hornbeam 2 Cherry 3 Pear 2 Rowan Carry out various pruning operations including: Removal of deadwood and epicormic growth, crown reshaping, and pruning for cable, lighting column and pedestrian clearance. 1 Cherry outside No 50 Hartsholme Drive: Fell the tree is diseased and dying.	Approve Approve and replant with a Cherry
8	CAC	St Martins DBG, Garmston Street.	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 1 Hawthorn Fell, the tree is dead. 1 London Plane. Canopy reduction to reshape and prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with a Hawthorn. Approve.
9	N/A	Alderman' Walk, opposite 1 Ely Street.	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 1 Norway Maple. Fell, the tree has poor form and structurally weak.	Approve and replant with Field Maple.
10	N/A	West Common, adjacent to 126 Yarborough Road.	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 1 Willow. Fell, the tree is leaning and prone to stem failure.	Approve and replant with Field Maple.
11	N/A	54 Clarendon Gardens.	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Cherry Fell, the tree roots are causing damage and trip hazards to an access footpath.	Approve and replant with a Bird Cherry.
12	N/A	2 Syd Wilson Court.	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Sycamore Fell, the tree has a shear crack on the	Approve and replant with a Cherry.

			main stem and overhanging a neighbouring property.	
13	N/A	Verge outside 49 Ruskin Avenue.	<u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 Horse Chestnut Fell, The tree is in decline and has several shear cracks.	Approve and replant with a Field Maple.
14	TPO	Link path adjacent to 7 Wedgewood Close.	<u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 Willow. Fell, the tree is structurally unsound.	Approve and replant with a Rowan.
15	N/A	Newport Cemetery.	<u>Minster Ward</u> 1 Yew. Fell the tree is suppressed and to prevent damage to grave sets.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
16	N/A	68 Westwick Gardens.	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 Eucalyptus. Fell to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with a Field Maple in a suitable location.
17	N/A	Adjacent to 2 Constable Avenue	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 Cherry. Fell, the tree has poor form and is in contact with the property.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
18	N/A	Rear garden of 34 De Wint Avenue	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 4 Trees of Heaven. Fell, to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with 4 Cockspur Thorn in a suitable location.
19	N/A	Adjacent to 23 Garrick Close	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 Horse Chestnut. Fell, the tree is diseased and dying.	Approve and replant with a Horse Chestnut in a suitable location.