

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WORK TO TREES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>STEVE BIRD – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (COMMUNITIES &amp; STREET SCENE)</b>

## **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 the accepted 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.

## **3. Tree Assessment**

- 3.1 All tree 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 appropriate location within the vicinity. Tree planting is normally scheduled for the winter months following the removal.

## **4. Resource Implications**

- 4.1 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.

- 4.2 ii) Staffing N/A
- 4.3 iii) Property/Land/ Accommodation Implications N/A
- 4.4 iv) Procurement

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, ensuring that staff are all suitably trained, qualified, and experienced. The contract for this work was let in April 2006.

## **5. Policy Implications**

- 5.1 (i) Strategic Priority N/A
- 5.2 (ii) S.17 Crime and Disorder N/A
- 5.3 (iii) Equality and Diversity N/A
- 5.4 (iv) Environmental Sustainability

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

- 5.5 (v) Community Engagement/Communication N/A

## **6. Consultation and Communication**

- 6.1 All ward Councillors are informed of proposed works on this schedule, which are within their respective ward boundaries.
- 6.2 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.

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 (i) Legal  
The City Council has a legal obligation to ensure that trees in Council ownership are maintained in a safe condition. Trees may be protected by the law in certain instances. Situations where this applies are normally in relation to planning legislation covering Conservation Areas, and Tree Preservation Orders. Where there is legal protection for a tree or trees, this is identified clearly in the appendices.
- 7.2 (ii) Contractual  
See 4.4 above.

## 8. Assessment of Options

### 8.1 (i) Key Issues

The work identified on the attached schedule represents the Arboricultural Officers 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.

### 8.2 (ii) Risk Assessment

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 Council open to allegations that it has not acted responsibly in the discharge of its legal responsibilities.

## 9. Recommendation

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

### Access to Information:

Does the report contain exempt information, which would prejudice the public interest requirement if it was publicised?

No

### Key Decision

No

### Key Decision Reference No.

N/A

### Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply

No

### Call In and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

No

### List of Background Papers:

Section file

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**NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORK TO TREES AND HEDGES  
RELEVANT TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP STATUS.  
SCHEDULE No 7 / SCHEDULE DATE: 07/11/18**

<b><i>Item No</i></b>	<b><i>Status e.g. CAC</i></b>	<b><i>Specific Location</i></b>	<b><i>Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.</i></b>	<b><i>Recommendation</i></b>
1	N/A	Rear garden of 2 East Liberty	<b><u>Abbey Ward</u></b> 5 Cypress Fell, to prevent damage to property and as part of garden improvements.	Approve and replant 5 Rowans in a suitable location.
2	N/A	Amenity land adjacent to No 6 Stukeley Close.	<b><u>Abbey Ward</u></b> Group planting of Field Maple and Hazel. Fell to prevent further damage being caused to a property boundary wall.	Approve and replant with 5 Field Maples in a suitable location.
3	TPO	Land to rear of 51 Rochester Drive.	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 1 Oak. Remove deadwood and reduce crown spread by approximately 2 metres.	Approve.
4	N/A	Front garden of 19 Cosford Close.	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 1 Birch. Fell, the tree has decay at the base and has outgrown the location.	Approve and replant with a Birch in a suitable location.
5	N/A	Land adjacent to 7 Ivywood Close	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 2 Cherry trees. Fell to prevent damage to property.	Approve and replant with 2 Cherry trees in a suitable location.
6	N/A	Birchwood Nature Park. Boundary bordering Carnoustie Drive and Kingsdown Road.	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 10 self-set Birch and Willow. Fell to prevent damage and nuisance to properties.	Approve and replant with 10 Birch and 10 Oaks in a suitable location.

		Birchwood Nature Park. Doddington Road entrance and adjacent to Lancaster sculpture.	1 Birch Fell to improve entrance view and to clear sculpture.	Approve and replant with a Birch in suitable location.
		Birchwood Nature Park. Adjacent to woodland footpath, west of Witchford Close.	5 self-set Birch. Thin out by removal to improve the development potential of a Hornbeam specimen.	Approve and replant with 5 Oaks in a suitable location.
7	N/A	Link path to rear of Lydd Close.	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 2 Rowans Fell, one of the trees is dead and the other is dying and leaning.	Approve and replant with 2 Rowans.
8	TPO	Roadside verge outside 9 Shaftesbury Avenue.	<b><u>Birchwood Ward</u></b> 1 Birch Notification of Intent to fell on behalf of Llincs. County Council. The health of the tree is in decline and decay is present near base and root system.	Approve and replant with a Birch
9	N/A	Cathedral Plantation.	<b><u>Boultham Ward</u></b> 1 Oak and 1 self-set Sycamore. Fell, the trees are of poor form and to prevent encroachment over private boundary.	Approve and replant with 2 Oaks
10	N/A	Boultham Park. Adjacent to lake.	<b><u>Boultham Ward</u></b> 1 Weeping Willow. Fell. The tree has recently suffered storm damage and shed limbs.	Approve and replant with a Weeping willow.
11	N/A	Boultham Park. Adjacent to Rookery Lane entrance.	<b><u>Boultham Ward</u></b> 2 Horse Chestnuts Fell, the trees are diseased, in decline and have decay present.	Approve and replant with 2 Horse Chestnuts.

12	N/A	Boultham Park	<p><b><u>Boultham Ward</u></b>  1 multi-stemmed Sycamore.  Fell, the tree has extensive decay at the union of the multiple stems.  1 Sycamore  Fell, the tree is diseased and has extensive crown dieback.</p>	<p>Approve and replant with an Oak in a suitable location.</p> <p>Approve and replant with 1 Cherry.</p>
13	N/A	Carr Street opposite Block No 97 - 105	<p><b><u>Carholme Ward</u></b>  1 Rowan.  Fell, the tree is dead.</p>	Approve and replant with a Rowan in a suitable location.
14	N/A	Outside Block 33-53 Arthur Taylor Street	<p><b><u>Carholme Ward</u></b>  1 Sycamore.  Fell in order to allow repairs to severely root damaged public footpath.</p>	Approve and replant with a Field Maple in a suitable location.
15	N/A	Verge outside No 26 Queen Elizabeth Road.	<p><b><u>Castle Ward</u></b>  1 Rowan.  Fell, the tree is dead.</p>	Approve and replant with a Rowan.
16	N/A	Garden of 9 Pietermaritz Street	<p><b><u>Castle Ward</u></b>  1 self-set Sycamore  1 cypress hedge  1 Lombardy Poplar  Fell, as part of garden improvements.</p>	Approve and replant with 3 Field Maples in a suitable location
17	N/A	Sobraon Park woodland extension.	<p><b><u>Castle Ward</u></b>  2 self-set Sycamores  Fell, the trees are of poor and unbalanced form adjacent a property boundary and also to encourage development of better specimens.  1 small Horse Chestnut.  Fell, the tree is dead.</p>	Approve and replant with 3 Rowans in a suitable location.
18	N/A	Front garden of 24 Dryden Avenue	<p><b><u>Glebe Ward</u></b>  1 Blue Spruce.  Fell, the tree has root instability and is disrupting the footpath.</p>	Approve and replant with a Rowan in a suitable location.

19	N/A	Rear garden of 79/81 Goldsmith Walk	<b><u>Glebe Ward</u></b> 1 Cypress Fell, to prevent damage to property. The tree has outgrown its location.	Approve and replant with 1 Birch in a suitable location.
20	N/A	Hartsholme Country Park – Crescent Pond area.	<b><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></b> 6 Alders, 2 Oaks, 1 Birch, 1 Beech and 4 Sycamores. Fell as part of a thinning programme to remove suppressed or poorly formed specimens to allow more light to understorey, pond margins and to facilitate access for dredging.	Approve and replant with 6 Alders, 3 Oaks and 5 Beech in suitable locations.
21	N/A	Garden of 25 Prial Avenue.	<b><u>Moorland Ward</u></b> 1 Birch Fell to prevent damage to overhead cables and as part of garden improvements. 1 Scots Pine Fell, the tree is leaning, has outgrown its location and as part of garden improvements.	Approve and replant with 1 Birch and 1 Scots Pine in a suitable location.
22	N/A	Garden of 2 Constable Avenue	<b><u>Moorland Ward</u></b> 1 Cherry. Fell to prevent damage to property The tree has multiple cavities present.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
23	CAC	Canwick Old Cemetery, Washingborough Road.	<b><u>Park Ward</u></b> Holly self-sets located at 3 graves within the cemetery. Fell to prevent damage to headstones.	Approve and replant with 3 Limes in a suitable location.