

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 grounds maintenance contractor. The Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contract 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

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 7 / SCHEDULE DATE: 14/08/19**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Verge outside 65 Greetwell Road	<u>Abbey Ward</u> Retrospective notification – 1 Rowan removed due to extensive basal decay - tree posed a direct hazard to pedestrians and highway users.	Approve and replant with a Sorbus in a suitable location
2	CAC	Lincoln Arboretum – in the vicinity of the lion statue	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 Maple <u>Fell</u> This tree is in heavy decline approximately 80% of the canopy is retained as dead wood.	Approve and replant a replacement Oak in a suitable location.
3	N/A	Boultham Park – Pike drain	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 Oak <u>Remove</u> This tree has fallen due to erosion around the root plate – it currently poses a hazard due to its current position.	Approve and replant a replacement Oak in a suitable location.
4	N/A	Boultham Park – near flag pole	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> This tree has considerable dieback and is showing considerable decline.	Approve and replant with a replacement Cherry in a suitable location.
5	N/A	Boultham Park – Lakeside	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 2 Sycamore <u>Fell</u> These trees are heavily suppressed and	Approve and replant with two Bird Cherry in a suitable location

			poorly formed specimens that are associated with trees referred to in item 6.	
6	N/A	Boultham Park – Lakeside	<u>Boultham Ward</u> Retrospective notification 2 Sycamore were felled as they posed immediate danger to the public utilising the lakeside path.	Approve and replant with two Beech in a suitable location.
7	N/A	Verge outside No 7 Clarendon Gardens	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Weeping Cherry <u>Fell</u> The tree is currently standing as deadwood.	Approve and replant with a replacement Acer in a suitable location
8	N/A	Verge outside No 38 Clarendon gardens	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Maple <u>Remove</u> The tree is currently retained as standing deadwood. 1 Hawthorn <u>Remove</u> The tree is currently retained as standing deadwood.	Approve and plant with a replacement Acer in a suitable location Approve and replant with a replacement Hawthorn in a suitable location
9	CAC	Mary Magdalene OBG	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Horse chestnut <u>Fell</u> This tree has a substantial shear crack which runs from the ground into the upper canopy – a significant cavity is also present in the base of the trunk; The tree exhibits severe canopy decline.	Approve and plant with a Red Horse Chestnut in a suitable location.
10	N/A	O/S 76 Outer Circle Drive	<u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> The tree is currently standing as	Approve and plant with a Cherry in a suitable location.

			deadwood.	
11	TPO	Link path adjacent to 19 Wedgewood Road	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></p> <p>Field Maple T1170 Crown lift to 3 metres above ground level and reduce crown spread on North, East and West sides by 1 metre to attain a mean crown spread of 7 metres and height of 9 metres. Works are for pedestrian and property clearance.</p> <p>Field Maple T1171 Lift crown to 3 metres to allow pedestrian clearance.</p>	Approve and grant consent
12	N/A	Outside 2 Asterby Close	<p><u>Minster Ward</u></p> <p>1 Cherry <u>Remove</u> The tree is currently retained as standing deadwood.</p>	Approve and replant with a Field Maple in a suitable location.
13	N/A	Verge outside 14 Roughton Court	<p><u>Minster Ward</u></p> <p>1 Laburnum <u>Fell</u> Main canopy union has considerable shear cracks which puts the tree at risk of failure.</p>	Approve and replant with a replacement Laburnum in a suitable location.
14	N/A	1 Murfin House – De Wint Avenue	<p><u>Moorland Ward</u></p> <p>1 Mountain Ash <u>Fell</u> The tree is in heavy decline with approximately 80% of its canopy retained as dead wood.</p>	Approve and replant with a Whitebeam in a suitable location
15	N/A	16 Grainsby Close	<p><u>Moorland Ward</u></p> <p>1 Pine <u>Fell</u> This tree is heavily suppressed and poses a risk due to extensive lean.</p>	Approve and replant with a replacement Pine in a suitable location

16	N/A	O/S 23 Shannon Avenue	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 Plum <u>Fell</u> Standing as deadwood.	Approve and replant with a replacement Plum in a suitable location.
17	N/A	O/S 5-7 Cottage Paddock	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 Silver Maple <u>Fell</u> This tree is causing considerable damage to adjacent hard surfaces. There is evidence to suggest that the root plate of the tree is compromised.	Approve and replant with a replacement Acer in a suitable location