

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

Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

6.1

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, 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 8 / SCHEDULE DATE: 11/09/19**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Baggeholme Road carpark	<u>Abbey ward</u> 1 Silver maple Carry out a 30% crown reduction – overhanging car park and in contact with property roof line.	Approve proposed works.
2	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Sycamore <u>Fell</u> Self-set specimen which is causing damage to the adjoining property fence-line.	Approve and replant with a Field Maple in a suitable location.
3	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Holly <u>Fell</u> Poorly positioned specimen causing damage to the adjoining property fence-line.	Approve and replant with a Bird Cherry in a suitable location.
4	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Alder <u>Fell</u> Large, slender, heavily leaning tree overhanging private property boundary.	Approve and replant with a replacement Alder in a suitable location.
5	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> Asymmetrical tree overhanging property boundary.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.

6	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Willow Remove one over extended branch which is overhanging the property boundary.	Approve proposed works.
7	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 1 Oak <u>Fell</u> This tree is has an asymmetrical canopy which is overhanging a private property boundary.	Approve and replant with a replacement Oak in a suitable location
8	N/A	Boultham Park – Cathedral plantation	<u>Boultham ward</u> 2 Field maple Carry out a canopy reduction to allow clearance from private property boundary.	Approve proposed works
9	N/A	28 Larchwood Crescent	<u>Birchwood ward</u> 2 Lawson Cypress <u>Fell</u> Poorly sited and overgrowing position.	Approve and replant with two Junipers in a suitable location.
10	N/A	28 Larchwood Crescent	<u>Birchwood ward</u> 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> Poorly sited, close to external walls.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
11	N/A	48 Newland Street West	<u>Carholme ward</u> 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> This tree is overly slender with a poor habit which is in contact with the property.	Approve and replant with a Cherry in a suitable location.
12	N/A	Yarborough Road Long Leys road junction	<u>Carholme ward</u> 1 Elm <u>Fell</u> Currently in heavy decline; majority of the canopy is retained as deadwood.	Approve and replant with a Liquidambar in a suitable location.

13	CAC	33 Newport	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 Small leaved lime Reduce crown to clear roofline, canopy lift to allow vehicular access.	Approve proposed works.
14	N/A	8 Tobruck Close	<u>Castle ward</u> 1 Elderberry <u>Fell</u> Self-set tree causing structural damage to adjacent wall.	Approve and replant with a Hawthorn in a suitable location.
15	N/A	87 Goldsmith Walk	<u>Glebe ward</u> 1 Leyland cypress <u>Fell</u> This tree extends into adjoining neighbours boundaries, there is potential for the tree to collapse due to poor structure.	Approve and replant with a Juniper in a suitable location
16	N/A	Hartsholme County Park	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 Beech <u>Retrospective notice</u> Retained as standing dead wood.	Approve and replant with a replacement Beech in a suitable location
17	TPO	57 Baker Crescent	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 Oak Reduce overhanging branches by 0.5 metres to reduce stresses on branch unions, reduce damaged branch back to a suitable growth point.	Approve proposed works
18	TPO	57 Baker Crescent	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 Oak Reduce overextended branch to reduce stress loading on branch union.	Approve proposed works
19	TPO	55 Finningley Road	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 Oak Reduce southern side of canopy to prevent damage to property boundary line	Approve proposed works

20	N/A	Laughton Way / Bassingham Crescent junction	<u>Minster ward</u> 1 Whitebeam <u>Fell</u> Partially collapsed; leaning towards roadway, basal decay and fruiting bodies present.	Approve and replant with a replacement Sorbus in a suitable location.
21	N/A	4 Thoresway Drive	<u>Minster ward</u> 2 Apple and 1 Cherry <u>Fell</u> All trees are encroaching on the neighbouring property boundary.	Approve and replant with two Trident leaved apple and one Cherry
22	N/A	13 Stapleford Avenue	<u>Minister ward</u> 1 Sycamore <u>Fell</u> Root plate damaging hard surfacing – residents son has mobility issues.	Approve and replant with a Field Maple in a suitable location
23	N/A	24 Turner Avenue	<u>Moorland ward</u> 1 oak <u>Fell</u> This tree has suffered a partial collapse and is now heavily leaning over the adjacent pathway.	Approve and replant with an Oak in a suitable location
24	N/A	Lincoln Crematorium	<u>Park ward</u> 1 Poplar <u>Fell</u> This tree has significant basal decay and severe canopy dieback.	Approve and replant with a Persian iron wood in a suitable location
25	N/A	11 Elder Street	<u>Park ward</u> 1 Oak <u>Retrospective notice</u> Tree felled due to vandalism.	Replant with a replacement Oak
26	CAC	1-4 Ashton Court	<u>Park ward</u> 1 Cherry Carry out a 30% canopy reduction to prevent property damage	Approve works

27	Within proximity (frontage) of listed building	Museum of Lincolnshire Life	<u>Carholme ward</u> 1 Plane tree Crown reduction 40% to take branches back from over museum wall, bus stop sign, and footpath.	Approve works
28	Within proximity (frontage) of listed building	Museum of Lincolnshire Life	<u>Carholme ward</u> 1 Ash tree Re-pollard (pollard having been neglected for some time) to clear footpath and reduce risks of branch drop in these areas.	Approve works
29	Within proximity (frontage) of listed building	Museum of Lincolnshire Life	<u>Carholme ward</u> 1 Rowan/Mountain Ash Pruning to clear back from parking and pathways.	Approve works