

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 9 / SCHEDULE DATE: 09/10/2019**

<i>Item No</i>	<i>Status e.g. CAC</i>	<i>Specific Location</i>	<i>Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
1		Cannon Street – Community Gardens	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 x Cherry <u>Fell</u> Overhanging pathway, no remedial pruning possible as the tree is heavily asymmetrical	Approve and replant with a replacement Cherry in a suitable location.
2		Cannon Street – Community Gardens	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 x Silver birch <u>Fell</u> Currently retained as standing deadwood	Approve and replant with a replacement Silver birch in a suitable location.
3		Sobraon barracks memorial garden	<u>Castle ward</u> 2 x Horse chestnut <u>Fell</u> Both trees are currently retained as standing deadwood	Approve and replant with two Maples in a suitable location.
4		150/152 Newland Street West	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 1 x Leyland cypress <u>Fell</u> This tree is in close proximity to the adjoining property boundary and poses significant risk of structural damage	Approve and replant with a Yew in a suitable location.
5		Link Path adjacent to 30 Chesney Close	<u>Glebe Ward</u> 2x Field maples <u>Pollard</u> Tree canopies are encroaching over private property rooflines	Approve consent for works.

6	TPO	3 Fulmar Road	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 x Pine <u>Fell</u> Large tree suppressing two trees of better form – canopy heavily weighted towards property	Approve and replant with a replacement Pine in a suitable location.
7	TPO	Link path adjacent to 200 Fulmar Road	<u>Hartsholme ward</u> 1 x Oak <u>Carry out a 11-20% canopy reduction</u> This tree is overhanging the adjacent property boundary and is in close proximity to the roof of the main residence	Approve and grant consent for works.
8	TPO	Hartsholme Country Park – Rear of 30 Tudor Road	<u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Willow Retrospective notification – the tree had collapsed and was lodged into a privately owned tree	Replant with a replacement Willow in a suitable location.
9		O/S Wyvern house Kesteven Street	<u>Park Ward</u> Retrospective notification - 1 Rowan removed as it was retained as standing deadwood and posed a public hazard	Replant with a replacement Sorbus in a suitable location.