

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WORK TO TREES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</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 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 10 / SCHEDULE DATE: 06/11/2019**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Status e.g. CAC</b>	<b>Specific Location</b>	<b>Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	CAC	High Street – raised planter outside Primark	<b><u>Abbey ward / Carholme ward</u></b> 1 x Zelkova <u>Fell</u> The tree has extensive damage to the base of the stem, and is also restricting the effective use of CCTV.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Zelkova; to be located within a suitable position.
2	CAC	Lincoln Arboretum	<b><u>Abbey ward</u></b> 1 x Beech <u>Reduce canopy by 20-30%</u> This tree exhibits attack by decay fungi which increases the risk of wind throw – a reduction is hoped to extend to the trees safe life expectancy.	Approve and grant consent for works.
3		Junction of Woodfield Ave – Regent Avenue	<b><u>Birchwood ward</u></b> 1 x Malus 'Red Sentinel' <u>Fell</u> Currently retained as standing dead wood.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Malus; to be located within a suitable position.
4		84 Birchwood Avenue	<b><u>Birchwood ward</u></b> 1 x Silver Birch <u>Fell</u> In close proximity to the property; has the potential to cause considerable structural damage.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Birch; to be located within a suitable position.
5		Boultham park	<b><u>Boultham ward</u></b> 1 x Oak <u>Reduce canopy by utilising coronet and fracture pruning</u>	Approve and grant consent for work

			Significant mature tree which has undergone a partial canopy collapse.	
6		Boultham Park	<b><u>Boultham ward</u></b> 1 x Beech <u>Reduce canopy to reduce stress loading on basal union</u> This tree is a significant feature of the park and requires management to reduce the risk of catastrophic failure in the future.	Approve and grant consent for works.
7		62 Willis Close	<b><u>Carholme ward</u></b> 2 x Rowan <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees were felled as they were heavily decayed and posed a hazard to residents.	Replant with two replacement Whitebeams; to be located within a suitable position.
8		O/S 18 Fossbank	<b><u>Carholme ward</u></b> 1 x Swedish whitebeam <u>Fell</u> Close proximity to the property; causing structural damage to hard surfacing and boundary wall.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Whitebeam; to be located within a suitable position.
9		Trelawney Crescent	<b><u>Castle ward</u></b> 1 x purple plum <u>Fell</u> This tree has recently suffered a partial collapse and poses a risk of further decline due to basal decay.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Cherry; to be located within a suitable position.
10		13 Bain Street garages	<b><u>Castle ward</u></b> 1 x Cherry <u>Fell</u> This tree is currently retained as standing deadwood.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Euonymus; to be located within a suitable position.
11	CAC	Westgate – Water Tower	<b><u>Castle ward</u></b> 1 x Lime <u>Fell</u>	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a

			Excavations to the base of this tree have identified a significant risk of failure due to the absence of structural stability within the root systems north easterly quadrant.	replacement Lime; to be located within a suitable position.
12	TPO	Link path adjacent to 200 Fulmar Road	<b><u>Hartsholme ward</u></b> 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.
13	TPO	3 Fulmar Road	<b><u>Hartsholme ward</u></b> 1 x Pine <u>Fell</u> A large tree suppressing two trees of better form – the canopy is also heavily weighted towards the property.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Pine; to be located within a suitable position.
14	TPO	6 Adam Close	<b><u>Hartsholme ward</u></b> 1 x Sycamore <u>Carry out a 20% canopy reduction</u> The tree is overhanging the rear property boundary and causing damage to garden infrastructure.	Approve and grant consent for works.
15		Blankney Crescent	<b><u>Minster ward</u></b> 4 x Birch <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees were felled as they were retained as standing deadwood.	Replant with four replacement Birch; to be located within a suitable position.
16		24 Barkston Gardens	<b><u>Minster ward</u></b> 1 x Hawthorn <u>Fell</u> 90% of the canopy of this tree is currently retained as deadwood; the tree is also	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Hawthorn; to be located within a suitable position.

			affecting adjacent phone lines.	
17	CAC	51 Chapel Lane	<b><u>Minster ward</u></b> 1 x Lime <b><u>Fell</u></b> This tree is a lapsed pollard which is located in close proximity to the property; this tree has the potential to cause future instability issues.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Lime; to be located within a suitable position.
18		13 Usher Green	<b><u>Moorland ward</u></b> 1 x Hawthorn <b><u>Fell</u></b> The tree is located within close proximity to a driveway and is showing considerable trunk decay and die back.	Approve and grant consent for works. Replant with a replacement Hawthorn; to be located within a suitable position.
19		19 Reynolds Drive	<b><u>Moorland ward</u></b> 1 x Silver maple <b><u>Carry out a 30% canopy reduction</u></b> This species of tree is extremely vigorous and requires significant work to prevent the canopy encroaching over adjoining property boundaries.	Approve and grant consent for works
20		Lincoln Crematorium	<b><u>Park ward</u></b> 1 x Maple <b><u>Retrospective notice</u></b> This tree suffered a catastrophic collapse and was removed to avoid creating a hazard to the public.	Replace with a Paperbark maple located within a suitable location.