

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.

6.3 The Council is compliant with all TPO and Conservation area legislative requirements.

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 3 / SCHEDULE DATE: 25/03/2020**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Birchwood Nature Park	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 2 x Birch <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees were wind-thrown during Storm Ciara; Due to their location both trees were dismantled in the interest of public safety.	Replant with two suitable native trees; to be located within the park.
2	N/A	Boultham Park – cycle track	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 2 x Willow <u>Retrospective notice</u> Storm Ciara caused catastrophic stem failure to occur in these trees; coppicing was undertaken to remove the hazard whilst also enabling the safe retention of each tree.	
3	N/A	Boultham Park – Lake side	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 x Beech <u>Fell</u> This tree partially failed during Storm Ciara. During an inspection of the remaining standing structure a significant amount of decay was observed at the point of failure; this places	Approve works and replant with a replacement Beech; to be located within the park.

			the remaining structure at risk of unpredictable collapse.	
4	N/A	Boultham Park – St Helens Church	<u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 x Lawson's Cypress <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; it was removed as it had fallen onto memorial stones and posed the threat of further damage.	Replant with a replacement Cypress; to be located within Boultham park.
5	N/A	Whittons Park	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 1 x Ash <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree was felled after it suffered a catastrophic stem failure as a result of Storm Ciara.	Replant with a replacement Cherry; to be located within the park.
6	N/A	Carholme Golf Course	<u>Carholme Ward</u> 2 x Poplars <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees were blown down during Storm Ciara. Due to their location both trees were dismantled to eliminate the hazard they posed to the public.	Replace lost trees with two suitable native species; to be sited in suitable localities within the ward.
7	N/A	161 Wragby Road	<u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 x Cupressus <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; the tree was dismantled to remove the potential hazard that it posed to the public.	Replace with a native tree; to be sited at a suitable location within the local vicinity.
8	N/A	O/S Number 1 Denton House	<u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Hornbeam <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; the tree was dismantled to	Replant with a replacement Hornbeam

			remove the potential hazard that it posed to the public.	
9	N/A	1 Cedar Avenue	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 x Leyland Cypress <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; the tree was dismantled to remove the potential hazard that it posed to the public.	Replace with a Yew: to be planted at a suitable location within the ward.
10	N/A	Amenity verge to the rear of number 2 Mourn Terrace	<u>Witham Ward</u> 3 x Willow 1 x Maple <u>Fell</u> The willows are small diameter self-set trees which are causing damage to the adjoining fence line. The base of the maple exhibits extensive mechanical damage, which is also associated with excessive canopy dieback.	Approve works and replace with native tree species; to be sited at suitable locations within the local vicinity.
11	N/A	Amenity verge to the rear of 2 Lannimore Close	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 x Maple <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; the tree was dismantled to remove the potential hazard that it posed to the public.	Replant with a replacement Maple.
12	TPO	Pathway to the rear of 22 Harwich Close	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 x Ash <u>Re-Pollard</u> Reducing reiterative growth will reduce the risk of potential branch failure, and is also in line with best practice.	Approve works
13	N/A	The Backies – to the rear of Moorland Avenue	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 x Willow <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree failed during Storm Ciara; the tree	Replant with a replacement Willow

			was dismantled to remove the potential hazard that it posed to the public.	
14	N/A	18 Constable Avenue	<p><u>Moorland Ward</u> 2 x Lilac <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees failed during Storm Ciara; the trees were dismantled to remove the potential hazard that they posed to the public.</p>	Replant with two suitable native trees; to be located at suitable positions within the ward.