

SUBJECT:	WORK TO TREES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP
DIRECTORATE:	COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT
REPORT AUTHOR	STEVE BIRD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (COMMUNITIES & STREET SCENE)

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

Lead Officer: Mr S. Bird,
Assistant Director (Communities & Street Scene)
Telephone 873421

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORK TO TREES AND HEDGES
RELEVANT TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP STATUS.
SCHEDULE No 8 / SCHEDULE DATE: 12/08/2020**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description / reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Boultham Park – Lakeside	<p><u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 x Multistemmed mature Beech <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree was seen to have a shear crack at the base of the main co-dominant union after the storm Ciara event; on a routine check the crack was seen to have propagated significantly – due to the trees size and its proximity to a heavily used footpath the tree was removed to prevent the risk of its unpredictable collapse.</p>	Replace with 2 standard Beech trees; to be sited within the park.
2	N/A	Boultham Park – Footpath to the rear of St Helen’s Church	<p><u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 x Mature Holly <u>Coppice</u> This is a partially windblown tree, the upper branches of which are currently wedged in the canopy of an adjoining tree; the tree also leans heavily over the public footpath – Coppicing will allow the retention of the tree whilst removing the risk of an unpredictable future failure.</p>	Approve works.

3	N/A	Boultham Park – To the rear of 72 Rookery Lane	<p><u>Boultham Ward</u> 1 x multistemmed Amelanchier <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree had significant basal decay with large associated fruiting bodies, as a result all basal unions had become unstable; the tree was therefore removed in the interest of public safety.</p>	Replant with a replacement Amelanchier; to be sited at a suitable location within the park.
4	N/A	7 Yarborough Terrace - Un-operational land to the rear	<p><u>Carholme Ward</u> 2 x Ash <u>Fell</u> Both trees have recently shed limbs onto the surrounding property; these trees also have asymmetrical canopies which significantly overhang the property boundary.</p>	Approve works and replace trees with 2 x Common Buckthorn; to be sited at a suitable location within the ward.
5	N/A	28 Clarendon Gardens	<p><u>Castle Ward</u> 1 x XCuprocyparis leylandii <u>Retrospective voids notice</u> This tree had become too large to remain attainable in the small rear garden of this council property. There is also minimal access to carry out works whilst the property is tenanted.</p>	Replant with a Spindle; to be sited at a suitable location within the ward.
6	N/A	Kings George's Field	<p><u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 x Silver Maple <u>Fell</u> This tree is currently standing as deadwood.</p>	Approve works and replace with a cut leaf Hornbeam.

7	N/A	75 Montaigne Crescent – Open space to rear	<p><u>Glebe Ward</u> 2 x Elderberry <u>Fell</u> These trees are likely to be self-sets and are located directly on the boundary of the private property. The resident has experienced considerable antisocial behaviour due to the presence of these trees which are of poor form and threaten to damage the boundary features.</p>	Approve works, and replace with 2x Medlars; to be sited within the associated open space.
8	TPO	Rear of 8 Sheraton Close	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Field maple <u>Canopy lift by 2.5 metres and undertake 20% canopy reduction</u> This tree is currently overhanging the private property boundary.</p>	Approve works.
9	TPO	Rear of 8 Sheraton Close	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Field maple <u>Reduce canopy back to previous reduction points</u> This tree is currently overhanging the private property boundary.</p>	Approve works.
10	TPO	Rear of 8 Sheraton Close	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Rowan <u>Fell</u> This tree is heavily suppressed by the surrounding canopy, resulting in a tree of poor form.</p>	Approve works and replant with a replacement Sorbus within the local vicinity.
11	TPO	Rear of 8 Sheraton Close	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Purple leaved plum <u>Coppice</u> This tree impedes on the property boundary, undertaking coppicing will allow the tree to be retained in a manageable form.</p>	Approve works.

12	N/A	219 Moorland Avenue	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 x Purple leaf plum <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree suffered a partial collapse during a recent wind loading event; as a result the remaining fractured trunk was felled in the interests of public safety.	Replace with a Cherry; to be sited at a suitable location within the ward
----	-----	---------------------	--	---