

<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: 07/10/2020**

<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	Lincoln arboretum	<b><u>Abbey Ward</u></b> 1 x Tree of heaven <b><u>Fell</u></b> This tree leans heavily over Monks Road, its exposed root system also exhibits signs of considerable heave which could lead to possible destabilisation and collapse.	Approve works and replant with a cut leaved beech, to be located at a suitable position within the arboretum.
2	N/A	Wragby Road allotments – to the rear of Greetwell Close	<b><u>Abbey Ward</u></b> 1 x Sycamore <b><u>Fell</u></b> This is a self-set tree, approximately 12 metres tall which severely overhangs the property boundary to the rear; the current form of the tree prevents effective future management.	Replace with a Hazel, to be located at a suitable position within the ward.
3	N/A	Boultham Park - located close to the spinney to the south west of the bandstand	<b><u>Boultham Ward</u></b> 1 x Oak <b><u>Fell</u></b> This tree has previously suffered from a partial canopy collapse, as a result a large crack has formed at the base of the main branch union which increases the risk of catastrophic collapse.	Approve works and replant with a replacement Oak within the immediate vicinity.

4	N/A	Derek Miller Court - adjacent to Newland	<p><b><u>Carholme Ward</u></b> 1 x Apple <b><u>Fell</u></b> This tree is located in close vicinity to an electrical substation and is also shrouding a lamp column; the current form of the tree prevents effective future management.</p>	Approve works and replace with a service berry, to be sited within the grounds of the property.
5	N/A	Tangshan court	<p><b><u>Castle Ward</u></b> 1 x Rowan <b><u>Retrospective removal notice</u></b> This tree was removed in the interest of health and safety, its removal also facilitated the repair of the adjacent wall that the tree had damaged.</p>	Replace with a bird cherry, to be located at a suitable position within the ward.
6	N/A	72 Goldsmith Walk	<p><b><u>Glebe Ward</u></b> 18 x Leyland cypress <b><u>Fell</u></b> These trees form a hedgerow which is in close proximity to a privately owned property to the rear of the address– all trees exhibit poor branch architecture which places them at a risk of future failure.</p>	Approve works and replace with native tree species, to be located at suitable positions within the ward.
7	N/A	8 Thornton Close	<p><b><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></b> 1 x Poplar <b><u>Retrospective removal notice</u></b> This tree was blown down on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of August as a result of a recent storm event.</p>	Replace with a Crab apple, to be located at a suitable position within the ward.

8	TPO	53 Abingdon Avenue	<b><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></b> (T1) 1 x Oak <u>30% Canopy reduction</u> <u>/ crown lift to 4 metres</u> Located in close proximity to the property significantly overhanging the garage roof; squirrels are currently able to enter the garage roof space.	Approve works
9	TPO	53 Abingdon Avenue	<b><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></b> (T4) 1 x Oak <u>Remove lowest north west facing scaffold branch back to branch bark ridge</u> This branch encroaches over the property boundary, reduction in this case is likely to lead to lions tailing.	Approve works
10	TPO	53 Abingdon Avenue	<b><u>Hartsholme Ward</u></b> (T2 & T3) 2 x Oak <u>30% Canopy reduction</u> <u>/ crown lift to 4 metres</u> The canopy of these trees is encroaching over the property boundary; as these trees form a cohesive canopy they require to be maintained as one unit.	Approve works
11	N/A	25 Thurlby Crescent	<b><u>Minster Ward</u></b> 1 x Cherry 1 x Rowan <u>Retrospective removal notice for work undertaken on an empty City owned property</u> Both trees exhibited stem defects which had the potential to cause unpredictable collapse.	Replace with two Box, to be sited at suitable positions within the ward.

12	N/A	The Backies – Moorland Ave	<p><b><u>Moorland Ward</u></b></p> <p>3 x Willow <u>Pollard</u></p> <p>One tree has been damaged as a result of being struck by its partially collapsed companion; pollarding will allow for all three trees to be retained whilst removing the potential of further canopy failures.</p>	Approve works
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