

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 2026. 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 5 / SCHEDULE DATE: 09/08/2023**

<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	N/A	19 Chivenor Close	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 x Juniperus. <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree was felled as it was heavily weighted towards the driveway and was also stabilised by the use of a tie down strap which was attached to the adjacent fence line.	Replace with 1 x English Oak; to be located in the amenity grassland to the rear of Cosford Close.
2	N/A	18 Snetterton Close – Jasmin Green Open Space.	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 1 x Field Maple <u>Coppice</u> This tree is encroaching into the rear garden of a private property – reduction work to remove overhang would result in an unstable and aesthetically unpleasing specimen.	Approve works.
3	N/A	Riverton Close – Junction with Queen Elizabeth Road	<u>Castle Ward</u> 1 x Purple leaved apple <u>Fell</u> The canopy of this tree is composed of approximately 60% deadwood and is therefore at risk of collapse.	Approve works. Replace with a suitable cultivar of decorative apple; to be planted as close to the site of original tree as possible.

4	N/A	8 Tetney Close	<p><u>Castle Ward</u> 2 x Leyland cypress <u>Fell</u> These are substantially sized trees which are preventing effective use of the garden space at this property. Due to the size of the tree's reduction work would have minimal impact and lead to the retention of structurally poor specimens.</p>	<p>Approve works.</p> <p>Replace with 2 x Field Maples; to be located within amenity grassland at Aylesbury Close.</p>
5	N/A	7 Sanders Close	<p><u>Castle Ward</u> 1 x Lawsons Cypress <u>Fell</u> This tree is causing destabilisation of the concrete property boundary.</p>	<p>Approve works.</p> <p>Replant with 1 x Amelanchier: to be located within the grassland situated at Sanders Close.</p>
6	N/A	1 Clarendon Gardens	<p><u>Castle Ward</u> 1 x Purple leaved Apple <u>Fell</u> This tree has a weak lateral union which faces towards to adjacent footpath / the root system is also causing a trip hazard for the resident of the property.</p>	<p>Approve works.</p> <p>Replace with a decorative apple cultivar; to be planted within the amenity grassland situated at Clarendon Gardens.</p>
7	N/A	31 Addison Drive – rear garden of void property.	<p><u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 x Cherry <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree was felled due to the presence of weak basal stem unions.</p>	<p>Approve works.</p> <p>Replace with 1 x Silver Birch; to be planted in a suitable position along this street.</p>
8	N/A	40 Addison Drive – suspected self-set tree in rear garden of property.	<p><u>Glebe Ward</u> 1 x Sycamore <u>Fell</u> This tree is causing structural damage to the adjoining property boundary – the tree also has a weak basal</p>	<p>Approve Works.</p> <p>Replace with 1 x Silver Birch: to be planted in a suitable position along this street.</p>

			union which places it a high risk of failure.	
9	N/A	7 Stapleford Avenue	<u>Minster Ward</u> 3 x Leyland Cypress <u>Retrospective notice</u> These trees were felled as they were heavily weighted towards the property; their canopies had also been excessively lifted which placed them at high risk of failure.	Replace with 3 x Bird Cherries; to be located within grassland at junction between Stapleford Avenue and Thoresway Drive.
10	N/A	Blankney Crescent	<u>Minster Ward</u> 1 x Elm <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree suffered a partial collapse and was removed in the interests of public health and safety.	Replace with 1 x Zelkova; to be located in grassland adjacent to the Lincoln Imp public house.
11	N/A	4 Thurlby Crescent	<u>Minster Ward</u> 1 x Sycamore 1 x Holly 1 x Elderberry <u>Fell</u> All three trees are located on the property boundary and are restricting effective use of the garden.	Approve works. Replace with 3 x Medlar; to be located in suitable positions within grassland surrounding Nettleton House.
12	N/A	48 / 54 Williamson Street Flats	<u>Minster Ward</u> 1 x Cherry <u>Fell</u> This tree is heavily suppressed by ivy, this has caused the majority of the canopy to die leading to the development of a tree which is prone to failure.	Approve works. Replant with a replacement Cherry; to be located as close to the original planting pit as possible.

13	N/A	1-2 Blenkin Hall – St Johns Road	<p><u>Minster Ward</u> 1 x Sycamore <u>Fell</u> This tree is likely to be a self-set specimen which is located in close proximity to the boundary wall which separates the property from Newport Cemetery.</p> <p>Removal is requested to avoid the risk of structural damage occurring to the boundary wall and adjacent building.</p>	<p>Approve work.</p> <p>Replace with a selected Maple cultivar; to be located in a suitable position within Newport Cemetery.</p>
14	N/A	7 Reynolds Drive	<p><u>Moorland Ward</u> 1 x Silver Birch <u>Fell</u> This tree is in very close proximity to the front of the property and has outgrown its available space.</p>	<p>Approve work.</p> <p>Replace with 1 x Maple; to be located within grassland at Turner Avenue.</p>