

To receive the Town Tree Survey report and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Over several weeks the Town tree survey has been completed by the current appointed contractor. The report covers different locations around the Town plus the Pillmere estate including the additional location running down the side of the A38.

The report shows the locations of trees either marked with G for a group or T for an individual tree along with a number so they can be found on the location diagrams. The reports and maps have been included separately for ease of this report.

Each group of trees has been given an overview to either be acceptable, work required or at a level that is deemed a risk, these are noted in the recommendations of the report. Below are examples of some trees that require some attention marked by the red lines.



Ash dieback is a particular hazard especially within the Pillmere estate. There are approximately 10 plus trees ash trees that will need attention or felling over the next couple of years. It would be beneficial if members would consider setting aside funds for this ongoing work. This will be a requirement each year due to the number of locations managed within the Town location.

Ash dieback can also be a hazard when disposing of the ash trees, being careful not to spread the disease around the town. If the cuttings are turned into chippings these will need to be stored for some time before being used in planting areas around the Town. Other trees can be used for chippings.

Below are current works required and quotes.

Tree reduction of large Willows and Alder at the Gallops in Pillmere

Removal of 3 x dead Ash trees at Grassmere way Pillmere.

Reduction of extended lateral limbs of mature Ash trees at the bottom of Meadow drive where the tree over hangs the public footpath.

Small tree pruning on the top of North Road.

Cost for the above works include 2 tree surgeons and mewp (mobile elevated work platform) = **£1,000**

Each December period we carry out the hedge threshing /cutting at the Pillmere estate and other locations. This cost will also come from the same budget. Approximately **£1,000**.

Total work £2,000

Recommendation to members to consider the approval for the work required as above on the Pillmere estate and to note the precept amount for future work.

Current work required a total of **£2,000** to budget code 6500 SE Tree Survey and Tree Maintenance Current budget available is **£5,764**

Once the work is completed this would leave a total of **£3,764**

The precept amount for 2025/26 is set at **£20,000** to the same budget code.

**End Of Report
Service Delivery Manager**