

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	14th March 2023
Report Title	Tree Maintenance
Agenda Reference	16
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Officers Recommendation

1. To note the report.

Background

At the recent previous Parks & Open Spaces Committee the Swindon Borough Ward Councillors present agreed to take forward the tree issues with Swindon Borough Council and try to agree a resolution for the Borough to take responsibility of the maintenance of the trees on land adopted, leased or maintained by the Parish Council under a Transfer of Services deed on behalf of Swindon Borough Council.

Emphasis was put on the timescale for this as the trees will need to receive some maintenance before the beginning of bird's season (1st April through to 30th September). If works are not completed, they will be postponed until Autumn/Winter 2023/24.

The list of tree works below has been referred to SBC

Address	Detail/ Actions
Primrose Close	Ash tree reductions
Tracy Close	Tree reductions around kick-a-bout area
Larchmore Close	Ash tree reduction
Ramsthorn Close	Cherry tree removal (may be funded by SBC Highways)
Ulysses Rd	Ash tree removal
Snowdrop Close	Ash / Sycamore reduction

Quotations

Three contractors were approached to quote. One declined to quote, the other two contractors supplied costs that will be tabled at the meeting (due to the Head of Parks & Open Spaces being on annual leave) if Swindon Borough Council does not accept responsibility.