

<b>Report No. TC01421</b> <b>Appendix: E</b> <b>Agenda Item: 12</b>	<b>Council</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
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## OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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<b>Subject: Parish Trees</b>	
<b>Applicable Strategies:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups</b></li> <li>• <b>Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community</b></li> </ul>	

### Background

The Council has a responsibility to ensure the Council's tree stock is regularly inspected and managed to ensure public safety and to minimise risk to property in particular in areas where the public may walk or sit beneath trees. For Council to comply with appropriate standards and legislation in respect of tree protection, a report is undertaken by competent and qualified arboriculturist. The assessment is carried out every 3 years and is now due for renewal September 2021.

Rutland County Council have an external service whereby they inspect trees on our behalf to ensure that the Council complies with its duty of care in respect of tree safety.

The rate is based on how long the work is estimated to take, including the use of the land, size and age of the tree, and number of trees. This service will cost £2020.72 (exc.vat).

The service includes:

- Complete ground-based tree visual survey
- A report of the trees assessed, including:
  - species name
  - trees condition
  - size
  - professional comments
  - work recommended and priority rating
  - date of next recommended assessment

### Recommendation

- a) That Council instructs the RCC Forestry Officer to carry out a tree report for:
  - Cutts Close
  - Royce's recreation ground
  - Willow Crescent
  - All Saints graveyard
  - Centenary Field
- b) Approves the expenditure of £2020.72 under the project heading Planting and Tree Surgery