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Briefing Note

Hurst Meadows & Ancient Woodland Tree Works 2025

For Finance, Governance & Estates Committee 19 June 2025

Introduction

In May 2025 we received our Tree Risk survey from PJC Consultants Ltd for trees located in Hurst Meadows, Wilderness Wood and Tilley's Copse. This Survey highlighted 11 trees that required urgent works and one tree that requires a reduction due to overhanging gardens in Bishop's Close. Three tree surgeons were contacted and asked to provide a quote for these works. Two of the three Tree surgeons have responded with the below quotes.

Proposal

Tree Surgeon 1 has quoted the following:

Tree Surgeons 1				
Ref	Type	Location	Action	Cost
NT1	Hazel	Fifteen Acre	Fell	£75.00
NT2	Ash	Bellows Nose	Fell	£75.00
NT3	Beech	Fifteen Acre	Fell	£200.00
947	Hawthorn	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£100.00
948	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£275.00
949	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£275.00
950	Holly	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£75.00
951	Horse Chestnut	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£400.00
NT4	Ash	Wilderness Wood	Fell	£650.00
NT5	Willow	Wilderness Wood	Fell	£250.00
AD1	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Reduce	£500.00

Total Cost of £2,875.00

*Tree Surgeon has quoted for all items.

Tree Surgeon 2 has quoted the following:

Tree Surgeons 2				
Ref	Type	Location	Action	Cost
NT1	Hazel	Fifteen Acre	Fell	£90.00
NT2	Ash	Bellows Nose	Fell	£90.00
NT3	Beech	Fifteen Acre	Fell	£0.00
947	Hawthorn	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£90.00
948	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£180.00
949	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£120.00
950	Holly	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£80.00
951	Horse Chestnut	Tilleys Copse	Fell	£410.00
NT4	Ash	Wilderness Wood	Fell	£0.00
NT5	Willow	Wilderness Wood	Fell	£240.00
AD1	Oak	Tilleys Copse	Reduce	£1,050.00

Total Cost of £2,350.00

*Tree Surgeon 2 has not quoted for Tree Ref. NT3 and NT4

It is proposed to divide the works up between the Two Tree surgeons, as below:

Tree. Ref	Contractor 1 Cost	Contractor 2 Cost
NT1	£75.00	£90.00
NT2	£75.00	£90.00
NT3	£200.00	£0.00
947	£100.00	£90.00
948	£275.00	£180.00
949	£275.00	£120.00
950	£75.00	£80.00
951	£400.00	£410.00
NT4	£650.00	£0.00
NT5	£250.00	£240.00
AD1	£500.00	£1,050.00

Contractor 1 - Total Cost **£1,975.00 plus VAT.**

Contractor 2 - Total cost **£630.00 plus VAT.**

Total Cost for Tree Works **£2,605.00 plus VAT.**

Recommendation

It is our recommendation to appoint Tree Surgeon 1 to carry out the tree works to NT1, NT2, NT3, 950, 951, NT4 and AD1 at a total cost of **£1,975.00 plus VAT** and to appoint Tree Surgeon 2 to carry out the tree works to 947, 948, 949 and NT5 at a total cost of **£630.00 plus VAT. A Grand Total of £2,605.00 plus VAT.**

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to **AGREE** the appointment of Tree Surgeon 1 to carry out tree works at a total cost of **£1,975.00 plus VAT** and Tree Surgeon 2 to carry out tree works at a total cost of **£630.00 plus VAT. A Grand total of £2,605.00 plus VAT.**

Tree work location maps



Fifteen Acre



Bellows Nose



Tilley's Copse



Wilderness Wood