

# REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

## PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE TREE



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**Agenda Item** 13  
**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2022, the nation celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen who ascended the throne on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952. The official celebratory weekend is 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June and the Events and Town Centre Management Committee will determine how the council will celebrate the occasion in due course.

To mark the precise date of Her Majesty becoming Queen, The Town Mayor proposes that a commemorative tree be planted in the lawn at the front of the Council Offices. This would be planted on or near 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The variety of tree and precise location are to be determined. It will be necessary to plant a tree in this location off-centre and closer to the spruce to minimise suppression by the Wych Elm and Copper Beech trees which dominate the southern section of the lawn and a small ornamental variety would be best suited (e.g. flowering cherry, magnolia etc). A plaque would be installed at the foot of the tree commemorating its planting. The total cost of a tree and plaque is in the region of £200.

### 2.0 DECISION REQUIRED

Council should consider the planting of a commemorative tree noting that the variety and precise location would be determined by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.