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Tree Health Pilot

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What is the Tree Health Pilot?

A grant scheme for owners and managers of trees and woodlands (in North West, West Midlands, South East & London), to support them in responding to tree health issues.

It is a small scale, FC delivered, three year pilot. Designed to test new interventions and grant types, to inform the design of the full nationwide scheme.

The pilot will not provide the same financial support that is available through other schemes.



Ash with Ash Dieback

	Ash with ADB for groups				
	Protecting the Treescape				Restocking, capital
	Felling/Treatment	Infrastructure grant	Site surveys	Biosecurity capital items	
Woodland	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
TOW	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Objective: to minimise the disruptions and costs of felling dangerous ash trees infected with ash dieback, along roads and public paths.

We will provide:

- Financial and technical support to a lead facilitator (e.g. Local Authority representative) to coordinate the group removal of ash, covering 80% of ecological survey costs and 60% of road closure costs.
- Restocking grants and maintenance payments for groups.

Eligibility/selection criteria:

- Confirmation of Ash Dieback in the pilot target areas. The group facilitator needs to demonstrate capability to undertake the required work (EOI).

Support for local authorities

- Our aims include:
 - Providing additional support to LAs dealing with ash dieback already
 - Prioritisation of high-risk areas by roadside and footpaths
 - Timely and considered response to dealing with ash dieback
 - Encouraging a more collaborative approach with LAs and local stakeholders and/or landowners
 - Restocking of resilient trees



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[@Harrison, Joe] can you take a quick look at this before I sent draft to APSE?

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Support for other pests and diseases (through Pilot)

Larch with *Phytophthora ramorum* in woodland settings

We will pay for:

- Felling or treatment (chemical killing), infrastructure/access items, biosecurity capital items, restocking and maintenance payments.

Sweet Chestnut with *Phytophthora ramorum*/Sweet chestnut blight

We will pay for:

- Actions recommended by the SPHN including felling, treatment, infrastructure/access items and biosecurity capital items. Restocking and maintenance payments.

Spruce with/at risk of being infected with *Ips Typographus*

We will pay for:

- Felling, secure timber removal or destruct, infrastructure/access items, biosecurity capital items, restocking and maintenance payments.

Oak trees with Oak Processionary Moth

We will pay for:

- A facilitator to form a group of landowners, create the group's OPM management plan, and organise tree surveying.
- Hiring contractors to survey the group's oak trees to identify OPM.

Next steps

Key dates:

- Applications opened on 31st of August '21
- Policy and delivery design of the full scheme (2024).

Ongoing activity:

- Continual engagement with stakeholders and local authorities to review and encourage uptake of support for ash dieback.
- A robust monitoring and evaluation framework to maximise our learning opportunities.
- Ensure learning from the pilot is fed into the development of the full scheme.



Local Authority Treescapes Fund (LATF)

Round 3 opening 2023 (date TBC)

- LATF is the government's key grant offer facilitating the planting and natural regeneration of non-woodland trees and the restoration of landscapes.
- Replanting can be in response to ash dieback or any other cause of loss of trees outside woods, or degradation of the treescape.
- This fund is part of the government's £640m Nature for Climate Fund. It is expected to run for a further two years until 2024/25 years.
- **In 2023, LATF will be open to any LA that may wish to apply, not only top tier authorities.** LAs are encouraged to work in partnership with NGOs, local landowners and community groups to deliver strategic planting and natural regeneration of trees outside woods.
- Trees in hedgerows, parklands, riparian zones, copses and shelterbelts, as well as trees in small linear woodlands and alongside roads and footpaths, are all eligible.

Resources

- Local Authority toolkit
- Tree Health Pilot
- Local Authority Treescapes Fund
- Gov.uk guidance for England, Scotland, Wales



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Any questions?