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Request and Response:

(a) do you know how many individual trees the council own or are responsible for?
  yes

(b) if so, how many? (please exclude woodland/forest type areas from the answer).
  26,186 (excluding woodlands/forest and conservation areas)

(c) If not, please give an approximate number.
  n/a

(d) If possible please split the number between highway, housing, authority land/buildings, and park areas.
  Highways 9000 and the balance in parks

(e) During financial year beginning April 2015 – to end March 2016 how much money did the council spend
  (£ excluding VAT) on tree work activities such as pruning, felling, and bracing/support.
  Contract payments £170k

(f) During financial year beginning April 2015 – to end March 2016 how much did the council spend (£
  excluding VAT) on tree planting activities.
  Nil as this service was withdrawn as part of budget savings in 2013

(g) During financial year beginning April 2015 – to end March 2016 how much money did the council spend
  (£ excluding VAT) on arboricultural consultancy activities such as tree surveying, decay detection,
  subsidence investigation, etc.
  Included in answer e above

(h) During financial year beginning April 2015 – to end March 2016 how many authority owned trees were
  felled?
  95 large trees

(i) During financial year beginning April 2015 – to end March 2016 how many trees were planted by the
  authority?
  Nil

(j) Across all departments, based on a normal working week how many persons are employed by the
  authority with responsibility for the management of trees such as; managers, tree/ arboricultural officers;
  surveyors? Please include any persons employed through PFI contracts servicing the authority. When
  answering please detail how many persons in which departments, the job role and how many hours per
  week, on average, are dedicated to tree management.
  Two full time (37hrs per week) arboriculturists are employed in parks which is part of Public realm
  If persons are employed through PFI contracts, please confirm how many – n/a