



Subject:	Coronation Gift
Date:	19 January 2024
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise members that His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast, Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle DBE DStJ DDL, has offered the gift of a tree to the City of Belfast, to mark the occasion of the coronation of TM King Charles and Queen Camilla.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree to accept the offer of a tree and approve the location recommended in the grounds of City Hall.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast offered the gift of a tree to the City of Belfast to mark the occasion. Following discussion at Party Group Leaders, potential locations for the gift were explored in City Hall grounds. As part of this work, the advice of the Council's Senior Woodland and Recreation Officer was sought.
3.2	The City Hall grounds are surrounded by a variety of mature tree species such as lime, sycamore, and several smaller maples. On undertaking a scoping exercise, a viable site, which could accommodate a single tree would be to the rear of the cenotaph at Donegall Square/Donegall Square west (see Appendix 1).
3.3	Furthermore, the Senior Woodland and Recreation Officer recommended that a Tilia cordata Greenspire (small leaf lime) is planted, as it is a variety of tree which would be in keeping with the mature lime trees which have been growing within the City Hall grounds for many years and would maintain continuity. This species of tree would also be appropriate given that the grounds of City Hall are a designated conservation area.
3.4	The Lord Lieutenant has indicated that, should the Committee be content, the planting of the tree would proceed by the end of February 2024, in keeping with the tree planting season.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – photographs illustrating proposed location for tree planting