

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030418-7989

27 April 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 30 March 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request seems to be primarily aimed at Local Authorities so please note that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local authorities. Details about the GLA's role can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work-london>

We do not hold most of the information that you have asked for but we do hold some related information, which we publish on our website.

You asked:

- 1) How many trees have been felled by the council in the last three years for which data is available - please provide a year by year breakdown.*
- 2) How much has it cost the council to fell trees in the last three years? Please provide year by year breakdown of total cost.*
- 3) Does the council have a target number of trees to fell in each year? What is the purpose of the tree felling?*

The GLA is not responsible for many public spaces or trees in London. Our response to your request is as follows:

1) How many trees have been felled by the council in the last three years for which data is available - please provide a year by year breakdown.

One Catalpa tree in Parliament Square Gardens - Fell date was Friday 12th May 2017, followed by stump removal Monday 24th July 2017

2) How much has it cost the council to fell trees in the last three years? Please provide year by year breakdown of total cost.

£1,676. Works included felling, stump removal and grind, reinstating soil level and replanting with a Catalpa erubescens purpurea, stake, tie and water gator.

3) Does the council have a target number of trees to fell in each year? What is the purpose of the tree felling?

There is no target number. On this occasion, the tree was felled as it was infected with Ganoderma and had the potential to become a safety hazard.

The Greater London Authority does not hold information on the day to day management of most of London's street or parks trees as this is the direct responsibility of London's 33 boroughs and Transport for London (TfL).

You can find details of the London Boroughs via this page: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>

Information about the number of street trees managed by TfL and some boroughs is available online here: www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands/london-tree-map.

With regard to the day to day management, operational and resourcing aspects of TfL's tree management you should contact TfL's information access team using FOI@tfl.gov.uk

The Mayor has committed to a major tree-planting programme in London and more information about this can be found on our website: www.london.gov.uk/greener-city

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA030418-7989.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>