

**Lancashire County Council Ash Dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*) Action Plan
November 2012**

	Need	Action	Deadline	Who
1	ensure briefing note if brought before LHS management team and EDMT		23 rd Nov 12	NS
2	All planting schemes in which LCC have been directly involved over the last five years to be reviewed. If disease is found report to FC and follow advice given	<p>Carry out risk assessment for each site. All schemes of medium to high risk to be inspected for signs of infection.</p> <p>Email all internal contacts and ensure assessments and inspections take place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Env. Projects team • Countyside Service inc volunteer rangers • WfW team • Landscape Unit • Highway inspectors • Schools grounds maintenance. 	Feb 2013	PB
3	Ongoing monitoring in recently planted sites	Email all internal contacts to ensure inspections take place at all sites in September 2013	30th Sept 13	PB/CB
4	Identify Alternative planting species	LCC ecology, landscape and forestry staff to draft list of alternative species to use in place of ash	15 th Dec 2012	JJ, SB, CB, PB
5	All LCC countryside, schools grounds maintenance, volunteer rangers, ecology and landscape staff and highway inspectors should view the video on the Forestry Commission web site to aid identification of the disease. Encourage to report possible disease outbreaks to Forestry Commission	Send link to all contacts	21 st Nov	PB
6	Alert District Council partners to issue relating to planting linked to development sites	Contact CPO and/or tree officers in DC's	29 th Nov	JJ/NS

7	Consider long term survival strategy for ash should the worst happen an widespread loss of ash occur in Lancashire	<p>Identify isolated pockets of ash trees so that if the disease does devastate the ash population these areas could be targeted to protect to preserve a reservoir of native ash to repopulate in the long term.</p> <p>Create simple web form to collate information from LCC, DC's Wildlife Trust, FC, UU, WT, etc. Plot on GIS and identify buffer zones around the areas. This information will then be available to use in the event of need.</p>	Feb 2012	<p>CB/Corpo rate web team</p> <p>In partnersh ip with FC and WT?</p>
8	Develop strategy for dealing with widespread death or development of dangerous trees in public places esp roadside trees should mature trees die in large numbers	Draft proposals in light of emerging information from national government, FC, and other industry bodies.	June 2013	PB/LHS/JM manage ment team.
9	Making public aware of issues on LCC sites and PROW	Advise site access team on publicity	Nov 2012	PB