

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	30 July 2019
Title:	Tree Management Policy
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide the background to the review of the Tree Management Policy.

Background

2. The Tree Management Policy was adopted at the Council Meeting on 23 June 2015, following consideration at the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting on 16 June 2015, and was agreed to be due for review 16 June 2019.
3. The Policy provides transparency on how trees are managed on Council land and ensures a consistency with regard to requests received by the Council regarding tree management.
4. The outgoing Asset Manager has reviewed the policy and made revisions to take into account:
 - a. the guidance issued in 2019 by SLCC – Advice note – Liability for Trees on Council Land and
 - b. the national guidance ‘Common sense risk management of trees – guidance on trees and public safety in the UK for owners, managers and advisors’ published by the National Tree Safety Group.
5. The amendments are highlighted in red on the attached policy.
6. The Committee is asked to make any further suggested changes for discussion and then formally agree the revised policy.

Legal Powers

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (HSWA) and Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.10.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- i) The amended Tree Management Policy be adopted.***