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Meeting	Community Services Committee
Date	12 January 2022
Report by	Phil Wright – Community Services Manager
Report title	Harpenden Common Golf Club Course Development Plan
Business Plan theme	Conserve and improve our parks, green spaces and other assets so they offer a natural haven for residents' use and enjoyment

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To invite the Committee to review Harpenden Common Golf Club Course Development Plan.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Committee is asked to review Harpenden Common Golf Club Course Development Plan and to approve it in principle.

3. Background information

- 3.1. Harpenden Common Golf Club have produced a Course Development Plan that sets their direction for the site over the next five to ten years. HTC officers walked the Golf Course in company with Golf Club representatives on two occasions, (last in September 2021), so that they could view the Plan's intentions on site.
- 3.2. In September 2021, HTC provided feedback to Harpenden Common Golf Club pointing out aspects of the Plan that HTC could not support. These consisted mainly of things that impacted the Higher Level Stewardship Agreement and some tree works that could not be supported.
- 3.3. Harpenden Common Golf Club took HTC's comments into account and amended their Plan before they presented it to their members on 11 November. Harpenden Common Golf Club state that the Plan 'was well received' [by members] and, 'The Management Committee now feel confident this Plan has the members' backing and can be considered as the medium to long term aspiration of course development'.
- 3.4. HTC have checked and verified that the latest version of the Plan continues to take account of HTC's feedback given in September.

3.5. HTC officers support these proposals. They are in line with the Management Plan and our priorities for the land. In some cases, it will mean that the Golf Club will fund some things instead of HTC doing so.

3.6. The Harpenden Common Golf Club Course Development Plan, (Appendix A), is brought before Committee for review and consideration for approval in principle.

4. Resource implications

4.1. This Development Plan is owned by Harpenden Common Golf Club and resourcing it is their responsibility.

5. Other implications

Other Implications	Comment
Legal	Requirements such as planning consents fall to the Golf Club.
Environment and biodiversity	The Higher Level Stewardship Agreement has to be adhered to, to protect the environment. The Plan does not impact biodiversity adversely and aspires to increase heather planting.
Crime and Disorder	None
Risk/Health & Safety	None

6. Appendices

Appendix A - Harpenden Common Golf Club Course Development Plan