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<b>Meeting</b>	Community Services Committee
<b>Date</b>	12 January 2022
<b>Report by</b>	Phil Wright – Community Services Manager
<b>Report title</b>	HTC Tree Policy Review
<b>Business Plan theme</b>	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 Town Council's Tree Policy

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. Committee is asked to review Harpenden Town Council's Tree Policy, propose amendments if required, and to approve the Tree Policy.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1. Community Services Committee previously approved this Policy on 18 September 2019.
- 3.2. Following recent review by HTC officers, just one amendment has been made to the policy. This is the addition of Rothamsted Park to zone one for tree inspections. Any future assets that we are looking to transfer will be covered by this policy and will fall within zone two.
- 3.3. The Policy is brought before Committee for review and consideration for reapproval.

**4. Resource implications**

- 4.1. Tree works are budgeted for in HTC's annual budget.

## 5. Other implications

<b>Other Implications</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Legal	Conditions relating to tree protection orders and conservation areas must be adhered to.
Environment and biodiversity	The policy is intended to manage the tree stock in a manner sympathetic to this.
Crime and Disorder	None
Risk/Health & Safety	This policy is a tool to help manage risk, health and safety.

## 6. Appendices

### Appendix A – Tree Policy 2021