COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
17 September 2018

ITEM 6

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place

Tree Management

SUMMARY

1.1 Scrutiny have requested a report on the Council's Tree Management Policy, this is attached at Appendix 2.

1.2 In 2017/18 a report approved some additional funding was approved for the Arboriculture service. This is needed following several years of underfunding of the service. A copy of the report is at Appendix 3.

1.3 The additional funding is being used to carry out tree inspections and the associate works that the inspections generate.

1.4 The Tree Management Policy was written in 2012 and will shortly be revised, at which time a Tree Management Strategy will also be prepared.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the contents of the Tree Management Policy.

2.2 To note what the additional funding will allow the service to deliver.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To enable a more effective Arboriculture service to be delivered, to protect the existing tree stock and ensure that it is correctly maintained.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Tree Management Policy – Appendix 2.

4.2 Cabinet Report – Appendix 3.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1   None – this report has been produced at the request of Communities and Place Scrutiny Review Board to inform them of the current position with the Tree Management Policy.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer **Financial officer** **Human Resources officer** **Estates/Property officer** **Service Director(s)** **Other(s)**	

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For more information contact: **Background papers:** **List of appendices:**	None Appendix 1 – Implications, Appendix 2 - Tree Management Policy, Appendix 3 – Cabinet Report on Additional Funding

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1   Additional funding needs to be maintained, this has been reported as a pressure.

Legal

2.1   None

Personnel

3.1   None

IT

4.1   None

Equalities Impact

5.1   N/A

Health and Safety

6.1   N/A

Environmental Sustainability

7.1   N/A

Property and Asset Management

8.1   N/A

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1   N/A

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1   N/A