

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Revised Tree Policy
Committee : Services Committee
Date : 7 December 2020
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report introduces a revised Tree Policy for approval.

2. Background:

2.1. Salisbury City Council (SCC) manages a significant number of trees in the City. This revised policy will guide our management of these trees and replaces the previous Tree Policy agreed by this committee in 2015.

3. The Policy:

3.1. The extant policy is shown at Annex A (Doc 53287).

3.2. The revised policy is shown at Annex B (Doc 80002).

3.3. The key differences between the policies are :

3.3.1. Hedges – these are explicitly included for the first time and SCC's actions concerning hedges are listed

3.3.2. Damage caused to property from trees- the policy gives specific advice for home owners to follow – para 3.30

3.3.3. Management of Riverside Trees – this policy shows that SCC will follow the Environment Agency advice in respect of these trees – para 6.

3.3.4. Ash Die back – the policy shows what actions SCC will take as a council for this type of trees – para 7

4. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the committee:

4.1. Approve the revised Tree Policy.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background Papers:

6.1. Annex A - extant policy (Doc 53287).

6.2. Annex B – revised policy (Doc 80002).

7. Implications:

7.1. **Financial:** Nil in relation to this report

7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report

7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report.

7.4. Environmental Impact: The policy should encourage positive tree management

7.5. Equalities Impact Statement: Nil in relation to this policy