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REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

REPORT AUTHOR	Amenities Committee
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SUBJECT	Tree Policy

PURPOSE:

1. To advise Full Council that Members have considered the proposed Tree Policy and recommends that the Council adopts this.

BACKGROUND:

2. Todmorden Town Council has the following land with trees on them:-
 - Patmos Gardens
 - Lobb Mill Picnic Site
 - Vale Amenity Land
 - Walsden Cricket Club
3. Todmorden Town Council has a legal responsibility and a duty of care to maintain and manage their tree stock in a reasonable and safe manner to protect people from harm, and property from damage, which is caused by the failure of a tree or part of a tree.
4. There is a requirement to have a policy for inspecting and managing those trees which are the responsibility of Todmorden Town Council by the use of regular and competent inspection regimes and also regular reviews of the policy.
5. A survey has been commissioned with the report back expected by the middle of February 2020.
6. Following receipt of this report, the Town Clerk will determine whether any remedial works are necessary to be completed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

7. Financial provision has been made within the existing budget and the 2020/21 budget for survey work to be carried out.
8. Remedial works if required will be met from revenue budgets as required.

RECOMMENDATION:

9. That Full Council adopts this Tree Policy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

10. Full Council approval is required to adopt this Policy.
11. To enable Todmorden Town Council to fulfil its legal responsibilities regarding trees on land owned by the Council to ensure that people and property do not come to harm.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

12. A new policy will come into force.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

13. Trees are a major factor to mitigate against climate change. It is therefore important that trees are well maintained.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT:

14. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

15. Appendix 1 – Tree Policy

For further information, please contact Colin Hill / Susan Miles