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We recommend that the next review be approved by Leadership Team and Members.	Medium	Agreed, will take next review to Leadership Team and Cabinet.	Culture and Play Section Head	31 January 2016 (Leadership	√	31 March 2016
		Position – February 2016 Leadership Team report re- scheduled for March 2016.	Head of Environmental Health &	Team)		31 October 2016
	Position – June 2016 Due to recent structure changes, a report to Cabinet to be moved till the Autumn to allow time to have a review of Safeguarding roles and responsibilities. The current structure remains and CSE has been included in the policy and procedures. Position – September 2016 LT report scheduled for October.	Licensing			31 July 2017	
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					31 January 2018	
				30 June 2018		
		Position – November 2016 Due to changes in service provision e.g. recent cessation of direct provision of Play Services it has been agreed to conduct a full				30 Sept 2018
		and comprehensive review of safeguarding roles, procedures, policy and resources between April – July 2017. In the interim the Section Head for Culture and Play will provide				31 October 2018
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			In progress Position – June 2017 The lead for the review has been allocated to the Head of Environmental Services and Licensing. This allows the Head of Culture and Events to manage the existing day to day matters of safeguarding whilst the review takes place. The Head of Culture and Events has developed a brief for the review which is being developed. The Review is set to be completed in October 2017 with implementation now scheduled for April 2018. Position – September 2017 Review scope being approved ready for implementation. Completion date should be revised as whilst the review will be complete the report to leadership team will require an implementation plan so this will be ready in January to enable implementation by April as previously reported.				
			Position – November 2017 Review in progress, project team agreed, brief agreed and PID being developed for final approval.				
			Position – February 2018 PID approved and procurement completed for external consultant to undertake review. Timescales to allow proper review mean a revised date of June 2018 for report to leadership team that will include action/improvement plan. In addition this will be timed to incorporate any outcomes from the self-assessment and feedback from Herts				

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			County Council who are meeting with the Managing Director and Safeguarding Lead in March 2018.				
			Position – July 2018 Difficulty in finding a suitable consultant led to delays. A contract was finally awarded in April and the review will be complete in July. Informal feedback has already been provided. The leadership team report will therefore be taken in September 2018.				
			Position – September 2018 Review and report being finalised by mid- September. Leadership Team approval being sought on 23/10/18 – delayed due to consultants availability to attend Leadership Team.				
			Position – November 2018 Leadership team report taken with safeguarding review October 2018. Action plan approved for progress. Members update at Portfolio holder meeting 17/12/18.				

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Tree Surveying 2016/17

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01	We recommend that during the review process to finalise the Woodland and Tree Strategy, the Council ensures that the strategy addresses the following: a) Measurement of the aims and objectives contained within the strategy; b) Frequency of inspections to be completed, both routine and high risk trees; and Detail of the maintenance programmes to be adopted.	Merits Attention	The strategy is meant to be an overview of trees and woodlands and intended to take a more strategic overview of tree and woodland management in the Borough. However, what this has raised is that the specification in the Parks and Open Spaces contract documentation, detailing what is required of Veolia does not cover enough detail in relation to planned maintenance and there is a clear emphasis on reactive management rather than proactive management. A review of the specification needs to be undertaken and ensure that the Strategy is aligned with this. Position – June 2017 As above. Position – September 2017 As above but delayed due to Cassiobury Park operational issues. Position – November 2017 No update received. Position – February 2018 The overarching Green Spaces Strategy is currently being reviewed as part of the Local Plan 2 work and this has the wider view of Trees and Woodlands. An action plan will be updated within this to ensure trees, woodlands and biodiversity are included and the need to	Section Head Parks, Open Spaces and Projects	30 September 2017 and to be presented to Strategic Partnership Board.	×	31 December 2017 31 May 2018 31 July 2019

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04	We recommend that a maintenance programme is developed and implemented. The maintenance programme should consider the works that have been identified from inspections completed, the priority level given and the risk indicator of the tree. The maintenance programme should be fully costed to provide the Council with a tool for setting the budget for tree related works.	Medium	update the Tree and Woodland Strategy. This will eventually be approved by PFH or Cabinet. Position – July 2018 The review of the Green Spaces Strategy is still underway and is tied up with the Local Plan 2 amends. The extension for the Veolia Contract is now currently being negotiated and this will be an opportune time to a) amend and agree the strategy and b) update the specification. Position – September 2019 In progress. Position – November 2018 In progress. A proactive maintenance programme does need to be developed and costed – additional funding may be required to carry out an updated survey. The figure of 5,150 trees requiring work includes all work both safety and what could be described as desirable and not essential therefore gives a higher weighted figure. Position – June 2017 As above. Position – September 2017 As above but delayed due to Cassiobury Park operational issues.	Section Head Parks, Open Spaces and Projects	30 September 2017 and to be presented to Strategic Partnership Board.	×	31 December 2017 31 May 2018 31 July 2019
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05	We recommend that, in order to ensure continuity of service, that policies and procedures relating to tree inspections, maintenance and works are developed.	Medium	As above, this needs to be re-visited and assessed by the WBC client team as was not in the original specification. A report will be presented to Strategic Partnership Board as this will impact on the current contract and will result in a contract variation. Position – June 2017	Section Head Parks, Open Spaces and Projects	30 September 2017 and to be presented to Strategic Partnership Board.	×	31 December 2017 31 May 2018 31 July

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02	All devices that are running unsupported operating systems should be upgraded to run operating systems that are supported by the developer. Where it is not possible to upgrade the operating system of a device, it must be isolated from the Councils' IT network and appropriate security controls implemented.	High	Agreed – This will be discussed with the relevant IT system owners in order to agree the best way forward to migrate off of legacy operating systems. TRDC XP machines – down to: 2 WBC XP machines – down to: 0 Decommissioning is part of the core infrastructure programme. Since Jan 2017 67 servers have been decommissioned. Position - September 2017 As above – final report only recently issued. Position – November 2017 Significant progress. 96 servers have now been decommissioned. There are 45 remaining with an unsupported operating system installed. All servers have been reviewed and there is an associated plan in place to upgrade and/or decommission. The majority of these services have associated services or impact line of business applications, and need to be upgraded in line with services. TRDC XP machine: 1. This is a system that provides telephone reports. The hardware and OS has been further secured, reducing the	ICT Section Head	30 June 2018	x	31 August 2018 31 December 2018

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			risk, by removing all Internet and Email access.				
			Position – February 2018 On track. Further decommissioning / upgrades of servers completed.				
			Position – July 2018 Through the life of the core infrastructure programme over 150 out of support servers have been decommissioned or upgraded.				
			36 servers has been identified that will remain on an unsupported operating system for the next 6 months to a year, whilst the applications are replaced, upgraded.				
			Plan to move 36 servers to a "walled garden" in place and specifics dependencies identified.				
			PSN (Public Services Network) submission due end of August 2018.				
			Position – September 2018 PSN public services submission completed on time. Awaiting outcome from Cabinet Office. Walled Garden migration underway. Delay to movement of servers has been down to legacy systems with little to no documentation. Internally we have therefore had to map all dependencies across these systems, which has taken additional time and resources.				
			Position – November 2018 Separate report from the ICT Section Head to be presented to Audit Committee on this				

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01	We recommend that Senior Officers are reminded that EIAs need to be approved (signed and dated). We recommend that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications should receive all EIAs for review and evidence this control procedure (signed and dated).	Medium	The EIA process will be strengthened through the enforcement of the sign off process. This will be raised at Leadership Team and at the Corporate Equalities Working Group for dissemination to DMTs. Position – September 2018 In progress. Position – November 2018 The requirement for EIAs to be developed alongside new policies, strategies or key decisions has been raised to Leadership Team and guidance developed, including that they need to be approved. EIAs are regularly submitted to the Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications for review, including sign off.	Head of Corporate Strategy and Comms	31 October 2018		