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| <b>Meeting</b>          | Parks and Open Spaces Committee         |
| <b>Date</b>             | 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023             |
| <b>Report Title</b>     | Autumn Shrub Bed & Hedge Maintenance    |
| <b>Agenda Reference</b> | 11                                      |
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### Officer's Recommendations

To note the report.

### 2022 / 2023 Winter Shrub and Hedge Maintenance

The Parks & Open Spaces Team has continued the winter maintenance of shrub beds and hedgerows, working more recently in the Greenmeadow, Moredon and Oakhurst areas.

The team has continued to carry out extensive reduction to shrubs and hedgerows where the species will benefit from hard pruning and regenerate forming healthier and more manageable areas in the years to come.

Throughout the summer months, the maintenance of shrub beds will continue. This will be based on works previously carried out by external contractors prior to May 2022.

The Council still receives enquires from the public which lead to an inspection of the areas and then actions carried out where required.

Scheduled winter works for 2022/2023 have continued alongside this program but will now cease as the spring/summer peak season is here. The winter projects list for 2023/2024 will be developed throughout the season and visited on wet weather days throughout the summer where appropriate.