



Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 6th September 2021

Title: Equipment for Grounds & Environmental Services

Purpose of the Report:

To provide Members with the merits of the Town Council purchasing new equipment that will be fit for purpose for use by the Grounds & Environmental Service team.

Contact Officer:

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Corporate Objective/s		
Implications:		
Financial	Yes	Available funds of £35,795
Human Resources	No	
Operational/Service delivery	No	
Procedural/Legal	Yes	The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, as amended by the Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2002
Risk/Health and Safety	No	
Environmental Aims	No	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee be minded:-

- 1.1 To endorse the purchase of 1 x LWB Double Cab Tipper for £30,000.
- 1.2 To endorse the purchase 1 x New trailer for a maximum value of £5,000.
- 1.4 All Town Council expenditure to be met from 950/9000 with available funds of £35,795.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to carefully consider the merits of the Town Council purchasing new equipment that will be fit for purpose for use by the Grounds & Environmental Service team.
- 2.2 Whilst our assets are currently being used to deliver the in-house ground maintenance, and they have limited life expectancy and will require replacement from time to time, the timely addition of new equipment will increase the life expectancy further, especially for low-value equipment and vehicles.
- 2.3 Therefore, Officers have reviewed our current fleet of equipment against the market-leading products available. It is believed that the replacement that can be used with the maximum high levels of versatility will be the best combination in the future.
- 2.4 The majority of the requested equipment is for new additions. Officers have secured £15,000 of funding towards purchasing a new Long Wheel Based Double Cab Tipper, so the Town Council is potentially getting a 2021 registered vehicle for £15,000!

3 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 3.1 All of the above equipment will maintain the productivity of the single most expensive element within the grounds budget, our staff.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 If the Committee is minded to approve the recommendations, most of the equipment could be purchased in a matter of weeks, subject to availability.

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