

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 15 AUGUST 2017

PARKS & BURIAL GROUNDS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2017/2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, REGULATORY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The Committee is asked to approve the recommendation to purchase plant and equipment required for the 2017/2018 Parks & Burial Grounds capital replacement programme.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i.) approves the estimated total cost of £246,000 for the purchase of grounds maintenance plant and equipment required for the 2017/2018 capital replacement programme;
- (ii.) authorises the Place officers to procure grounds maintenance plant and equipment on the basis set out in this report and;
- (iii.) notes the financial implications included in section 5 of this report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement:

- Resources are used effectively

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's grounds maintenance machinery replacement programme is prioritised to ensure that equipment scheduled for replacement (as detailed at Section 5 below) represents the priority items required to maintain service provision.
- 3.2 It demonstrates a continued commitment to provide equipment which is fit for purpose, safe to use and fully compliant with current PUWER (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations), It meets all relevant legislation and regulations within EU and HSE guidance on exposure to hand arm vibration.
- 3.3 In collaboration with our Tayside Procurement Consortium (TPC) partners Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council a collaborative framework agreement is in place for the purchasing of our plant and equipment.

4. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

4.1 Sourcing Strategy

- 4.1.1 The Strategic Director - Place considers that the provision of grounds maintenance plant and equipment is an essential requirement to meet the requirement for Parks Maintenance. The plant and equipment required will be procured through the recently renewed collaborative framework contract with Tayside Procurement Consortium (TPC/GM & PLANT 16/14) which has proven to provide value for money.

4.1.2 The impact on the locally-based supply chain of going to the collaborative framework agreement for this requirement has also been considered to be minimal.

4.1.3 The procurement is not considered to be a “major procurement” in terms of Financial Regulation 16.8.4. Approval of this report would mean that the contract can be accepted without the need for a further report for approval. In accordance with Financial Regulations scrutiny arrangements, the contract award will be reported to Committee for noting only.

4.2 Terms Proposed

4.2.1 The value of the supply this financial year is estimated at £246,000. The terms of the framework agreement will apply.

4.3 Procurement Procedure

4.3.1 This procurement will either proceed as a mini competition issued to all the framework agreement suppliers capable of meeting the requirement or by direct purchase from a single framework supplier where officers are satisfied that approach offers best value without further competition.

4.4 Contract Evaluation and Award Basis

4.4.1 The collaborative framework agreement will have been renewed and will have been evaluated and awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.

4.4.2 Where a mini competition is undertaken, this opportunity will also be evaluated on a “most economically advantageous tender” basis on a price / quality split of 60/40%.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As noted at 2 above, the Council has a machinery replacement programme in place and this report seeks procurement authority to purchase from that programme, the plant and equipment listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Description	Number in fleet	Number being replaced	Estimated Cost (£,000)
Ride On Cylinder Mower	12	2	52
Ride On Rotary Mower	23	3	29
Pedestrian Rotary Mower	78	38	40
Hedge Trimmer	48	22	9
Tractor Mounted Implements	47	6	14
Chainsaw	34	8	5
Back Pack Blower	33	11	4
Pedestrian Flymo	13	1	0.5
Miscellaneous(drills, mixers, compactors)	52	19	68
Pedestrian Edgers	31	3	3
Scrubcutter	33	20	11
Marking Barrows	18	10	6
Cylinder Mower	27	1	3
Water Pump	13	1	1.5
Current Total Number in Fleet	462	145	
Current Total Value of Fleet (£,000)	1,572		246
Percentage	100%	31%	16%

5.2 The total cost of the purchase of ground maintenance equipment in this report (£246,000) will be contained within the Place financial plan. The portfolio of funding includes part of **HRPS's capital allocation for grounds maintenance equipment (2017/2018) £206,000**; with the balance coming from ring fenced capital receipts from sale of redundant machinery of £40,000.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Other than the normal risks inherent in any contract, this report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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