

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

PARKS & BURIAL GROUNDS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2022/2023

REPORT BY ALISON SMITH, DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

ABSTRACT

The committee are asked to approve the recommendation to purchase plant and equipment required for the 2022/2023 Parks & Burial Grounds capital replacement programme.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the estimated total cost of £196,000 for the purchase of grounds maintenance plant and equipment required for the 2022/2023 capital replacement programme;
- (ii) authorise officers to procure grounds maintenance plant and equipment on the basis set out in this report; and
- (iii) note the financial implications included in section 5 of this report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

The proposals contained in this report align with the following Council Plan priorities:

Priority 1: Economy – We want Angus to be a ‘go-to’ area for business

Priority 3: Place – We want Angus Council to be efficient and effective

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 and allow the section to continue to be competitive in the commercial market servicing external contracts which generate significant income.
- 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 enabling the section to meet current health and safety obligations and protect our workforce.
- 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.
- 3.4 In May each year the section disposes of equipment by public auction which is no longer economic to maintain or repair. This method of disposal produces the best possible monetary returns for redundant equipment and ensures our equipment is always compliant with workplace regulations in relation to noise and vibration.

4. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

4.1 Sourcing Strategy

The Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth considers that the provision of grounds

maintenance plant and equipment is an essential requirement to meet the contractual obligations of the Parks Maintenance section in regard to both internal service level agreements and external clients. The plant and equipment required will be procured through the recently renewed collaborative framework contract with Tayside Procurement Consortium (TPC/GMEQUIP/21/02) which has proven to provide value for money.

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.

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

The value of the supply this financial year is estimated at £196,000. The terms of the framework agreement will apply.

4.3 Procurement Procedure

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

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

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 3 above, the Parks and Burial Grounds Service has a five year machinery replacement programme in place and this report seeks authority to purchase from that programme, the plant and equipment listed in Table 1 below.

Description	Number in fleet	Number being replaced	Estimated Cost (£,000)
Wet line Marking Barrows	18	3	2
Pedestrian Rotary Mower	76	8	15
Rotovators & Attachments	12	5	26
Hedge Trimmer	75	14	7
Tractor Mounted Implements	50	1	2
Chainsaw	36	3	2
Leaf Blower	33	11	4
Scrub Cutters	39	15	10
Miscellaneous (drills, mixers, compactors)	52	17	60
Turf Maintenance	9	3	12
Cylinder Mower	23	2	7
Edgers	31	4	4
Gang Mower	6	1	25
360 Tracked Diggers	1	1	20
Current Total Number in Fleet	454	88	
Current Total Value of Fleet (£,000)	1,976		196
Percentage	100%	19%	10%

The total cost of the purchase of ground maintenance equipment in this report (£196k) will be contained within the capital financial plan. The portfolio of funding includes part of **Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth's capital allocation for grounds maintenance equipment (2022/23) £100k**; ring fenced capital receipts from sale of redundant machinery of **approx £40k** with additional **£56k** from 2021/22 grounds machinery replacement programme carry forward.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Current worldwide market forces are affecting supply chains and it is anticipated delivery from point of order for certain items of plant and machinery will see considerable delays. This has been anticipated and allowances made to mitigate any short-term impact on the service by delaying disposal of redundant plant, short term hires and loaning of equipment from suppliers.
- 6.2 Other than the normal risks inherent in any supply contract, this report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out.

8. CONSULTATION

The Director of Finance and Director of Legal and Democratic Services were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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