

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall Assets and Services																												
MEETING DATE AND TIME	13 th January 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall																										
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager - Ruth Burgess																												
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	14 Replacement Ride on Mowers																												
Background	<p>As part of the Streetscape Service Level Agreement with Cheshire East Council, we undertake grass cutting in large areas, such as play areas and large open spaces. To efficiently cut the larger grassed areas we use sit on mowers designed for this type of work.</p> <p>We currently have 2 mowers both of a similar age, 8-10 years old, one of which requires a replacement engine and various other parts (quoted £4,500) and is not in operation. The second is in working order, but has started to become unreliable, it is anticipated that we may have more reliability issues for the forthcoming year.</p>																												
Options	<p>The lifespan of the current mowers based upon its current usage is between 8 and 10 years. The Streetscape Development Manger reviewed the various options available and has opted to promote the procurement of the following model and specification. This is on the basis that it is cheaper than purchasing the same model that we currently have, is easier to maintain on a daily basis and also provides a higher quality cut.</p> <p>The proposed model is x 2 Ransomes HR300 forward control hydraulic drive power units, fitted with 60" rear discharge rotary mower decks.</p> <p>Option 1 - Buy new</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Specification</th> <th>£</th> <th>Over 10 years</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2 mowers</td> <td>£64,000</td> <td>6,400 p.a</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Option 2 – Buy second hand</p> <p>The second hand market for mowers from reputable suppliers provides a more cost-effective option and we have looked at 3 different suppliers as shown below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Specification</th> <th>Company A</th> <th>Company B</th> <th>Company C</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2</td> <td>23,000</td> <td>20,990</td> <td>15,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LMAC466 lighting kit</td> <td>included</td> <td>Inc</td> <td>3.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LMAC383 beacon kit</td> <td>included</td> <td>121.08</td> <td>600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LMAC478 mow mode switch</td> <td>included</td> <td>Inc</td> <td>200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Specification	£	Over 10 years	RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2 mowers	£64,000	6,400 p.a	Specification	Company A	Company B	Company C	RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2	23,000	20,990	15,600	LMAC466 lighting kit	included	Inc	3.000	LMAC383 beacon kit	included	121.08	600	LMAC478 mow mode switch	included	Inc	200
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	LMAC461P production fit TST slope kit	included	2,688	2.600								
	Wessex FRX150HR 1.5m flail head	included	Inc	Inc								
	Wessex FRXRA lift arms to fit HR300	included	inc	Inc								
	Total Costs for 2 machines **	£23,000	£23,799.08	£22,000								
	Age of machinery (year)	2017	2014	2012								
	2-year parts and labour Warranty	Yes	Yes	No								
	Life expectancy	7*	4	2								
	Cost per annum	£3,285	£5,949	£11,000								
	<p>*This model has a greater life expectancy than the current model, the mowers being offered by A are from a private household and have had at least 50% less usage than those used commercially.</p> <p>** There will be part exchange and parts value for current machinery.</p> <p>Option 3 - Leasing Costs</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Specification</th> <th>weeks</th> <th>Cost per week - 2 mowers</th> <th>Cost for season / year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RHR33002 HR300 power unit</td> <td>20</td> <td>£550</td> <td>£11,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All items above are currently stock items when writing this report but are subject to sale to other customers, the lead time would then be 3 months.</p>				Specification	weeks	Cost per week - 2 mowers	Cost for season / year	RHR33002 HR300 power unit	20	£550	£11,000
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FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS	The financial considerations are within this report, we believe the proposal provided within this report represents the best value for the Council											
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS	Currently all commercial ride on mowers are powered by diesel fuel.											
EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS	Adaptation to the equipment would need to be assessed for operators with physical disabilities.											
Proposal	For the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee to recommend to Council Option 2 with Company A – The second hand procurement of 2 x Ransomes HR300 forward control hydraulic drive power units, fitted with 60” rear discharge rotary mower decks as provided by Company A at a total cost of £23,000, less part exchange and parts value.											