

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee	
MEETING DATE AND TIME	5th February 2026 7.00 pm	LOCATION Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Doug Christie- Streetscape Development Manager	
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	13 Review of herbicide requirements for highway weed treatment	
Update	<p>With the reduction in Highway weed treatment / spraying Congleton Town Council, in response to residents’ comments, have undertaken to reduce the amount of weeds across the highways of Congleton</p> <p>Following the demonstration of a full EV quad bike and spray system, the total cost of the quad bike and spray system is circa £7,000. The cost of the weed spray for the whole of Congleton, three times a year, is being investigated. This proposal was brought to the council for the meeting on the 11th December 2025 and has been passed. The EV quad has been acquired and will be delivered with familiarisation training mid-February. Weed spraying will commence in spring 2026.</p> <p>For clarity the weed spraying will be focused on the kerb edges and footpaths adjacent to the highway.</p> <p>The product that will be used is called Nomix Enviro Herbicide Spray system using Control Droplet Application Herbicide product which is used by multiple local authorities including Cheshire East Council.</p>	
Environmental	Using the Nomix Dual Spray system reduces the use of herbicides against the traditional method of knapsack spraying	
Equality	This is a change in the method of weed spraying by utilising both a quad bike and on foot. The quad bike may open opportunities for new starters who may have some physical disabilities	
Financial	The budget for the introduction of this method of spraying has been approved as part of the 2026 -27 budget setting process and the quad bike has been paid for utilising the 2025-26 budgets	
Decision Requested	To receive the update on highway weed treatment	