

## Report No.3

### Report to Policy and Resources Committee 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Replacement Lawnmowers

##### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek the consent of the committee to purchase two replacement lawnmowers

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Town Council is responsible for cutting grass in the play areas operated by the Town Council, Cloister Gardens and other small areas of land in addition to the work undertaken at the cemetery under the service level agreement.
- 2.2 In 2007 the Town Council purchased two new mulching mowers but these are now reaching the end of their useful service and would require considerable expenditure to keep them operational.

##### 3. Proposal

- 3.1 The existing lawnmowers have provided a lengthy and reliable service and it is proposed that they are replaced with similar models from the same manufacturer.

##### 4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 The agreed budget does not contain sufficient funding for the replacement of items of equipment and therefore the funds would need to be taken from reserves.
- 4.2 The cost of each replacement lawnmower will be in the region of £1,200.
- 4.3 The alternatives would be to repair the existing lawnmowers which are ten years old and seen heavy use or endeavour to purchase lower cost machines.
- 4.4 A decision is required as soon as possible to avoid the necessity of hiring equipment.

##### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to note the report and advise on the action to be taken..

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3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.