

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2005

OUTDOOR AMENITIES – MACHINERY

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of leases set up for essential equipment for the operations of the Outdoor Amenities Section.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Outdoor Amenities Section has, after consultation with colleagues in the Transport Section and employees, developed a programme of vehicle and machinery replacement.
- 2.2 The Section has replaced 2 x tractors, 8 x ride-on mowers and 3 x mechanical excavators. The existing mowers are coming to the end of a 3-year lease. The tractors will replace 2 tractors that were originally purchased and have been operating in the Section for over 15 years and the mechanical excavators which operate within the cemeteries will replace existing leases.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The machinery which has been replaced or will require to have a new lease put in place are 2 tractors in the south area; 8 ride-on mowers in the north areas and 3 mechanical excavators (2 x north and 1 south).
- 3.2 The machinery is used for grounds and cemeteries' duties in the north and south of the area. The ride-on mowers are used in the north of the area.
- 3.3 The service requirements can be summarised as follows:-

	Registration No	Existing Vehicle/Equipment	Replacement Vehicle	Approx Annual lease/hire costs	Period of lease/hire
A	SA52EXJ SA52EXM SA52EXL SA52EXN SA52EXH SA52EXK SA52EXP SA52EXO	8 Scag, Ride-on Mowers	8 John Deere Ride-on Mowers	£26,200.	3
B	C58FUS C759HCS	2 X Massey Ferguson Tractors	2 Tractors	£13,000.	3
C	N/A	2 Mini Excavators	2Mini Excavators	£15,700.	3

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The costs for all leases will be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 European Union Procurement legislation requirements were complied with in obtaining the machinery detailed above.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The identified machinery required to be replaced so as to ensure that service quality levels were maintained. Procurement options have been examined and the lease arrangements put in place represented the most cost-effective options. The leases also derive maximum benefits from manufacturer's warranties.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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