

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- 19 SEPTEMBER 2001

REPLACEMENT OF GROUND CARE EQUIPMENT

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the lease of various types of Grounds Maintenance equipment.

2 BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Outdoor Amenities Section now require to replace both purchased pedestrian mowers and leased ride on mowers which operate within the Grounds and Golf Service units.
- 2.2 15 existing pedestrian mowers have been operating in the section for 8-10 years, and are now beyond reasonable repair. 6 ride-on machines are reaching the end of their 4 year lease and need to be replaced.
- 2.3 It is proposed that operational requirements have now been reviewed and it is proposed that:-
8 - zero turn ride-on mowers
8 - pedestrian mowers
are now needed as replacements.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Capital cost for the 8 ride-on mowers is approximately £57,600.00 and for the 8 pedestrian mowers is approximately £32,000.00
- 4.2 All lease costs for the replacement machinery will be met from existing budgets.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

5. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The replacement of these vehicles is essential in ensuring the delivery of the Council's grounds maintenance service.
- 6.2 The new equipment will provide a safer, more reliable working environment for employees and will ensure that the Council's grounds maintenance standards are implemented.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Approve the acquisition of replacement equipment as described in this report.
- (ii) Instruct the Director of Finance to enter the appropriate operating leases; and
- (iii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Director of Community Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Equipment tender documents.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 554066 and ask for Bob McCulloch.

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AGENDA