

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2003**

**OUTDOOR AMENITIES – EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE LEASES AND HIRES**

**Report by the Director of Community Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to lease and hire essential equipment and vehicles 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, agreed a programme of vehicle replacement.
- 2.2 In addition, the term of lease for safety equipment within cemeteries has now expired and it would be an appropriate time, on both safety and financial grounds, to renew, and where possible, add to existing ground shoring systems.
- 2.3 The section also requires to replace, 12 Ride on Mowers, which are presently coming to the end of a 3 year lease. These machines have now cut open spaces for 3 consecutive seasons in the North and South of the area.

**3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The vehicles which require to be replaced or to have a new lease started as part of the renewal programme are:
- (i) R352 WSD Playpark Inspection Vehicle – Iveco High Roof, to be replaced by a Volkswagon LT 35 or similar;
  - (ii) (New lease) Cemetery Safety Foreman’s vehicle. A hire vehicle covers this task at this time, to be replaced by a Citroen Berlingo or similar.

- 3.2 The vehicle used for playpark inspections has been leased for a period of 5 years. This lease terminates in March 2003. Given the age, condition and ongoing lease/repair costs it would be prudent to replace this vehicle.
- 3.3 The Council leased 10 grave shoring units in December 1998. A number of these units now require replacing.
- 3.4 The Parks DSO leased 12 Scag ride-on mowers in May 2000. These mowers now require replacement, this is due to the condition of the mowers and to the high cost of ongoing repairs.
- 3.5 The Parks DSO purchased 10 pedestrian mowers to supplement the existing fleet approximately 5 years ago. These now require to be replaced, due to their condition and high repair costs. However, only 8 pedestrian mowers will be required due to the introduction of zero turn ride-on mowers.
- 3.6 The service requirements can be summarised as follows:-

	<b>Registration No</b>	<b>Existing Vehicle/Equipment</b>	<b>Replacement Vehicle</b>	<b>Approx Annual lease/hire costs</b>	<b>Period of lease/hire</b>
A	R352 WSD	Iveco high roof	Volkswagon LT 35 or similar	£4,500.00 (L)	3 Years
B	N/A	N/A	Citroen Berlingo or similar	£2,500.00 (L)	3 Years
C	N/A	Teleshore – Ground shoring units	Teleshore - Ground shoring units	£5,500.00 (L)	3 Years
D	N/A	12 Scag ride-on mowers	12 ride-on mowers	£32,000.00 (L)	3 Years
E	N/A	10 pedestrian mowers	8 pedestrian mowers	£10,000.00 (H)	Annually

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs for all lease and hires can be met from existing budgets.

## **5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 European Union Procurement legislation requires to be complied with in obtaining these vehicles and items of equipment.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

6.1 The identified vehicles and equipment require replacement to ensure that service quality levels are maintained. Procurement options have been examined and lease and hire arrangements proposed in this report represent the most cost effective options.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 It is recommended that the committee:-

- (i) approve the lease and hire of the above vehicles and equipment;
- (ii) instruct the Director of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases for the above where required;
- (iii) to otherwise note this report.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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