

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

| COMMITTEE: | Council | | | | | | | | |
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| MEETING DATE AND TIME | 10 th February 2022 7.00pm | LOCATION | Congleton Town Hall | | | | | | |
| REPORT FROM | Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager David McGifford -Chief Officer | | | | | | | | |
| AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE | 14 Replacement Ride on Mowers for the Streetscape Service | | | | | | | | |
| Resolution of the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee 13th January 2022 | THAS/36/2122 Resolved to recommend to Council Option 2 with Company A The second hand procurement of 2 x Ransomes HR300 forward control hydraulic drive power units, fitted with 60" rear discharge rotary mower decks as provided by Company A at a total cost of £23,000, less part exchange and parts value. | | | | | | | | |
| REPORT FROM: Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee meeting - 13th January 2022 | | | | | | | | | |
| Background | <p>As part of the Streetscape Service Level Agreement with Cheshire East Council we undertake grass cutting in large areas, such as play areas and large open spaces, To efficiently cut the larger grassed areas we use sit on mowers designed for this type of work.</p> <p>We currently have 2 mowers both of similar age, 8-10 years old, one of which requires a replacement engine and various other parts (quoted £4,500) and is not in operation, the second is in working condition but has started to become unreliable, it is anticipated that we may have more reliability issues for the forthcoming year.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Options | <p>The lifespan of the current mowers based upon its current usage is between 8 and 10 years. The Streetscape Manger reviewed the various options available and has opted to promote the procurement of the following model and specification on the basis it is cheaper than purchasing the same model that we currently have, is easier to maintain on a daily basis and also provides a higher quality cut.</p> <p>The proposed model is x 2 Ransomes HR300 forward control hydraulic drive power units fitted with 60" rear discharge rotary mower decks</p> <p>Option 1 buy new</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Specification</th><th>£</th><th>Over 10 years</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2 mowers</td><td style="background-color: #92d050;">£64,000</td><td>6,400 pa</td></tr></tbody></table> | | | Specification | £ | Over 10 years | RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2 mowers | £64,000 | 6,400 pa |
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Option 2 second hand purchase

The second hand market for mowers from reputable suppliers provides a more cost effective option and we have looked at 3 different suppliers:

| Specification | Company A | Company B | Company C |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| RHR33002 HR300 power unit x 2 | 23,000 | 20,990 | 15,600 |
| LMAC466 lighting kit | included | Inc | 3.000 |
| LMAC383 beacon kit | included | 121.08 | 600 |
| LMAC478 mow mode switch | included | Inc | 200 |
| LMAC461P production fit TST slope kit | included | 2,688 | 2.600 |
| Wessex FRX150HR 1.5m flail head | included | Inc | Inc |
| Wessex FRXRA lift arms to fit HR300 | included | inc | Inc |
| Total Costs for 2 machines ** | £23,000 | £23,799.08 | £22,000 |
| Age of machinery (year) | 2017 | 2014 | 2012 |
| 2 year parts and labour Warranty | Yes | Yes | No |
| Life expectancy | 7* | 4 | 2 |
| Cost per annum | £3,285 | £5,949 | £11,000 |

*This model has a greater life expectancy than the current model, the mowers being offered by A are from a private household and have had at least 50% less usage than those used commercially

** There will be part exchange and parts value for current machinery

Option 3 Leasing Costs

| Specification | weeks | Cost per week - 2 mowers | Cost for season / year |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| RHR33002 HR300 power unit | 20 | £550 | £11,000 |

All items above are currently stock items when writing this report but are subject to sale to other customers lead time would then be 3 months.

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| FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS | The financial considerations are within this report, we believe the proposal provided within this report represents the best value for the Council. |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS | Currently all commercial ride on mowers are powered by diesel fuel. |
| EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS | Adaptation to the equipment would need to be assessed for operators with physical disabilities. |
| PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL | To approve the procurement of 2 used Ransomes HR300 forward control hydraulic drive power units, fitted with 60" rear discharge rotary mower decks as provided by Company A at a total cost of £23,000, less part exchange and parts value. The £23,000 will be taken from the budget line 109-4804 CAPITAL-Streetscape Equipment. |