

Agenda Item 6 Appendix B



BUSINESS CASE

(FORM B & Priority Assessment)

Project name Replacement ride on mower unit for the EMT

Release Final yes

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Purpose

To exchange one of the teams ride on mowers now at the end of its useful working life for a machine better suited to the sites and areas of grass we manage .Benefits will include the low running costs of a new machine , the high quality finish that is expected and a high degree of reliability .

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Reasons

The existing ride on mower to be replaced has now reached the end of its most efficient and cost effective use as it has reached the stage when it is incurring continuously increasing costs for its maintenance .A new machine brought in to replace it will increase the cost effectiveness of the service in terms of improving the economic, efficient and effective way it is delivered.

The option proposed has been determined as the most economical efficient and effective .

Options**Benefits expected**

To exchange one of the teams ride on mowers now at the end of its useful working life for a machine better suited to the sites and areas of grass we manage .Benefits will include the low running costs of a new machine , the high quality finish that is expected and a high degree of reliability .

Failure to acquire unit will result in reduced standard of service and likely increased costs of operating equipment overdue replacement .

Risks**Funding Source (**

- (i) Capital Fund

Committee: REEA/CSA/PFA (delete as appropriate)

Capital/Revenue (delete as appropriate)

Spending profile/ method of funding	Spend to 31/3/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Later Years	Total
	£0	£15,000k	£0	£0	£0	£0
Internal Funding						
External Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cost/savings		£15,000				

Costs**Financial appraisal**

Financial Appraisal (Capital Schemes only)	(i)	Yes / the unit to be exchanged is well overdue its renewal date (this unit was purchased 2 nd hand in 2006) ..units of this type have an economically optimum working life of about 4 years
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	(ii)	
	(iii)	

Timescales Unit availability is good , order to delivery is expected within 6 weeks.

Investment appraisal The unit will save money on servicing and maintenance costs

Evaluation -

Consultation The unit is similar to one of EMT's existing units and is proven in the field and well suited to the areas and the way we manage our grass.

Interfaces (internal/ external) Minimal

Impact on other services
Dependencies
Completion criteria/ exit strategy

Sensitivity to key assumptions Minimal

Other approvals required Not known

Equalities Impact Assessment There are no specific equalities issues .