

## APPENDIX A “Project Mandate”

Agenda item number: **12**

Date of issue:

Meeting: Programme Board

Date:

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Job title: Waste & Environmental  
Maintenance Manager

Service : Waste Management & Environmental Maintenance

Status: Request to replace a front line machine utilising funds set aside for this purpose

Subject: To replace a front line ride-on Mower / Flail unit

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### 1 Purpose

To seek members' permission to spend available accumulated renewal funds to purchase a replacement front line ride on mower/flail unit.

The machine currently in use is overdue for replacement and of a similar type Purchased in early 2007 and has been working effectively for five seasons, however it is now the subject of an increasing number of faults and running problems typically associated with machines of this age which have been regularly and heavily used.

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### 2 Recommendation

Members agree to release monies set aside for the purpose of renewing machines as they pass their optimum useful working life and start to incur increasingly high maintenance costs and greatly reduced working efficiency

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### 3 Background

During the past five seasons the councils Environmental Maintenance Team has overall been delivering an increasingly well received service , due to operatives increasing pride in what they do , increasing professionalism in the way they carry out their duties and importantly having access to appropriate and suitable machines plant and kit.

The replacement machine requested is of a similar type to that due to be taken out of service. This type of machine has been in use for a number of seasons during which time a noted improvement in the services performance has been observed and accordingly is known to be well suited to the work required in Melton making this machine as ideal and appropriate choice

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4 Legal, financial and IT implications

Members are requested to authorise the expenditure of funds set aside for the replacement or renewal of the services front line cutting machines.

The replacement machine has the highly desirable capacity to work as either a flail unit or a rotary cutting unit .The cost of this machine supplied as road ready is £27,000 ( we are being offered a PX payment of £2,000 for the unit that needs replacing ) making a capital requirement of £25,000

Monies are available from existing set aside funds for replacement machines .

There are no IT implications or issues in regards to the replacement of a front line ride on grass cutting machine.

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5 Initial Assessment of risk

There is not expected to be any risk associated with replacement of a front line machine, further supported by effectively replacement with a very similar machine in regards to type, size and specification, with known capabilities and limitations.

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6 Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

There are no equalities or diversity issues associated with this mandate. There are no staffing implications associated with this mandate

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