

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Grounds Maintenance Work

Each year the Council seeks quotes for grounds maintenance work, mainly grass cutting, across the Parish. A proportion of the work is done in house by the Council's Maintenance Supervisor, but the greater amount is done by external contractors. This year quotes were sought from the following companies:-

Landscape Services

Isle Landscapes (New Company)

Judges Sports Ground Contractors (New Company)

Station Haulage

Greenland's Garden Design

Judges indicated that they did not wish to quote for any of the work even though they had been recommended to the Council and did this type of work. The quotes from the remaining companies are set out in the attached document. This year the companies, with the exception of the new companies, were asked to quote for 3 years. However only Station Haulage, for Podkin Meadow, and Greenland's quoted for 3 years. Landscape Services did not quote for 3 years but their prices with only a few exceptions remained the same as last year.

The recommendations, based on price submitted, for the allocation of the work are set out in the attached document. However, in respect of the allocation of 3-year contracts this now only relates to Greenland's and its quotes for the Cemetery, Day Work and The Hollow. In respect of the Day Work and The Hollow, Greenland's is the cheapest over the whole period and it would seem appropriate to allocate a 3-year contract. However, in respect of the cemetery, Greenland's is the cheapest in the first year but in the second and third years its prices rise above this year's quote from Isle Landscapes, though it must be remembered that this is a one-year quote only and could rise in later years. Greenland's have done the work at the cemetery, over the past year, and it has been of a high standard receiving a number of compliments from Members of the Public. Members might wish to take this into account when considering whether they would wish to allocate a 3-year contract in respect of the work at the cemetery.

Members are asked to consider whether to allocate the grounds maintenance work as follows:-

1. On the basis of the recommendations in the attached document
2. 3-year contract to Greenland's in respect of the work at The Hollow and Day Work
3. Whether to allocate a 1-year contract or a 3-year contract to Greenland's in respect of the cemetery taking into account the quality of workmanship and compliments received this year about its work at this site.