

Large Grounds Equipment Review and Trade in Prices

Background

Council has not had the time to conduct a comprehensive review of its large grounds equipment. Several pieces of equipment are aged or broken or no longer suitable for today's requirements. To avoid any rash decisions, Council hired a ride-on mower and cutting deck toward the back of the grass cutting season last year and has renewed the hire again whilst it is establishing the right equipment.

Sale of Equipment

In the meantime, aged and broken equipment is depreciating in value and taking up precious yard space. The company which the Council has hired the ride-on mower and cutting deck from has offered the following prices:

£14,000 for the New Holland tractor

£2,750 for the Ransome HR3300

£1,500 for the Trimax mower

£1,000 for the Fleming Roller, Sisis Tilth & Seed and Sisis Mega Slit

£19,250 – Total

Comparison Price

In September 2020, trade-in prices were sought for the same list of equipment, £18,150 was offered.

Recommendation

To proceed with the sale of the equipment, remove the items from the asset register and to allocate the funds of £19,250 against the reserves budget code 111 for Recreation Equipment.