

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet Report

13 September 2023

Report title: Grass Verge Maintenance - ADDENDUM

This document is presented as an addendum to the previously circulated report on Grass Verge Maintenance for consideration by Cabinet on 13 September 2023.

In light of the scale of funding required to support this proposal, it has been identified that there is potential to reduce the Capital Funding requirement in the 2023/24 financial year, by deferring a final decision on the purchase of the second flail mower until the end of the 2024/25 grass cutting season. This could also be supported by a review at the end of the 2024/25 grass cutting season to support a decision on the additional investment at this point.

If this amendment is supported, the Financial Implications from the original report would be amended to reflect the following:

Capital Investment Required		
2023/24	Flail Deck Mower	£30,000
	Three Brush Cutter Strimmers	£2,100
2024/25	Flail Deck Mower	£30,000
2025/26	The Capital Funding for 2023/24 and 2024/25 would support a reduction in the existing mowing fleet of two rotary mowers at an estimated saving of £34,000 on the Capital replacement budget over the following three years for existing rotary mowers. The Capital Replacement budget will be updated to support the replacement costs of the new specification of mower as part of the fleet replacement programme.	-£34,000.00
2026/27		
2027/28		

This would not change the overall Capital Investment required, and the report is still provisionally seeking £62,100 additional Capital investment, but is now spreading that over two financial years.

The final decision to use the Capital Investment suggested for the 2024/25 financial year would be subject to consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services, and the Section 151 Officer, and linked to successful implementation of the proposed naturalised verge maintenance during the 2024 grass growing season.