

Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	17 March 2021
Title of Report:	Grass cutting briefing
Lead Member:	Councillor Sue Dann (Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	KH202103
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

A report requested by Scrutiny to provide a briefing on the city's grass cutting service

Recommendations and Reasons

Scrutiny to note the report and make recommendations to be considered by the Strategic Director.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Corporate Plan set out a priority for a green, sustainable city that cares about the environment

JLP policy "HEA7 - Optimising the health and wellbeing benefits of the natural environment"

JLP policy "INT6 - Enhancing Plymouth's 'green city' credentials"

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Implications for the MTFP have been considered and there are no negative implications from this report

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

This briefing is linked to

- a) the Climate Emergency Action Plan which is developing the journey of the council to be carbon neutral specifically investing in tree planting and rewilding corridors
- b) the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan which specifically looks for new approaches to managing the city's green infrastructure which reduce the need for machinery and increase carbon capture

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

Implications for the MTFP have been considered and there are no negative implications from this report in terms of the approved budget allocation

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Grass Cutting Scrutiny Briefing							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Philip Robinson, Service Director Street Services											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 09/03/2021											
Cabinet Member approval: Approved by Cllr Sue Dann verbally Date approved: 08/03/2021											