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### Introduction

1. The Council's existing ride-on mower is approximately 14 years old and is now costing considerable funds to repair given its age.
2. Costs to service and repair over the last four years have been approximately £5k and we have recently received another quote for £530 to replace the starter motor.

### Proposed replacement Ride-On Mower

3. The Council's main equipment supplier has provided a price of £11,999 (excl VAT) for an ex-demonstrator diesel Kioti CS2610.
4. It comes with a 4-year 3000-hour warranty, full road kit & retails at £15880.
5. A photo of the proposed equipment is in the Appendix.
6. If Council approves the purchase, the supplier will bring it out for a demonstration to ensure it meets our requirements.
7. The supplier is currently reserving the equipment for the Council, so a decision needs to be made at this meeting to guarantee the reduced price.

### Existing Ride-On Mower

8. The Council's existing machine retails new at around £8.5k. The reasons for proposing the above more expensive model are to meet with road tax and insurance requirements. The Council's existing ride on mower when purchased was fit to be driven on the road. Due to new legislation, this can go across a road from field to field but cannot be driven from the DYCC to other sites where it would be required.

### Budget

9. As at 31 August 2019, there is a total of £47,779 in DYCC Earmarked Reserves. Of this £10,619 is allocated to General Equipment – Workshop and is earmarked towards a replacement mower.
10. It is proposed that the remaining £1,380 (total value of proposed ride-on mower minus E/R General Equipment – Workshop) is paid from the separate allocation of £10,583 for the DYCC generally. The remaining £9,203 covers the cost of the most expensive quote received for the replacement external staircase at the DYCC.
11. Please note that the summary of Earmarked Reserves for the month ending October 2019 will be tabled early next week, which may affect the above figures.

**Recommendation(s)**

To approve the purchase of a replacement ex-demonstration ride-on mower to the value of £12k as per quote received subject to meeting the maintenance's teams' requirements.