

Key Decision Required:		In the Forward Plan:	
Management Team			
Cabinet Informal Formal		Council	

LEISURE & TOURISM PORTFOLIO HOLDER
March 2021

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A.1 Purchase of Hot Wash Street Cleaner From Colchester Borough Council

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Portfolio Holder approval to purchase an Aebi Schmidt Hot Wash machine from Colchester Borough Council for £35,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

In 2020 Tendring District Council created a Street Rangers team to clean the paving in Tendring's main towns and it was envisioned to clean Clacton 3 to 4 times and Frinton, Walton, and Harwich 2 times a year, as well as repairs to Clacton town centre.

Since the implementation of this team, their scope of works has expanded to include a section of Brightlingsea town centre being cleaned twice a year and well as clearing the sand along the Clacton and Holland on sea frontage which between April 2020 and October 2020 accounted for over 800 hours of labour which is expected to increase significantly during the winter.

Current position

Due to the increased workload as well and other unknown logistical factors, the team will only be able to clean the town centres twice a year and dependent on weather conditions will struggle to maintain a clear walkway through the sand along Clacton and Holland on sea promenade.

Due to the success of the deep clean which has been carried in all areas using the MP700, it is now possible to increase productivity by purchasing an Aebi Schmidt Hot Wash machine.

Colchester Borough Council is currently selling their hot wash machine for £35k which they purchased 4 years ago for more than £100k. The purchase of this machine would allow sections of paving to be clean quickly allowing the shop fronts to be cleaned before 9 am. It is suggested to use the additional Street naming and number income to purchase the Hot Wash Machine.

Implementing these proposals would enable the current team to work more effectively would ensure that shoppers are not restricted from entering shops in this already difficult period for businesses.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that Engineering Services purchase the Hot wash for a sum of £35,000 from the Street Naming and Numbering budget.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The Council's Corporate Plan,

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

£35,000 from Street naming and number income to purchase the Hot Wash Machine.

LEGAL

N/A

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – Consideration has been given to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The issues raised in this report have no relevant implications.

Equality & Diversity – There are no quality and diversity issues relevant to this report.

Area or Ward affected – Frinton, Brightlingsea, Walton, St James, Pier, Harwich and Kingsway Wards

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The purchase of the hot wash machine has been approved at Management Team.

CURRENT POSITION

Purchase has been agreed in principle with subject to Portfolio Holders approval and budget allocation.

FURTHER HEADINGS RELEVANT TO THE REPORT

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

Town Centre Street Cleaning Management Team Briefing Note 26th November 2020

APPENDICES