

Mower purchase proposal 2025 for May council meeting

Following the Operations Team recent visit to the ground care and maintenance show at Port Eliot, the Operations Team arranged a demonstration of a Grillo Climber 10 ride on mower in Cambridge Field.

Due to the lower centre of gravity this machine was able to cope safely with the slope, as pictured below. Being 4-wheel drive combined the clearance of the cutting deck allows easier loading in and out of the van. It coped well with the longer areas of grass even on its lowest setting.

This is a rough-cut machine, not a fine finish mower, but due to the frequency of cutting the parks a fine finish is not something we would be able to achieve, so have historically always had mown grass on the surface.

Should council agree to the purchase, this mower could also be use to cut footpaths 4 and 6, also giving the team the ability to tackle any further assets that maybe taken on by the town council in the future.



Supplier	Price ex VAT
Balmers GM Turf Care	£11,633.60
Garden Machinery Superstore	£11,633.60 <i>plus shipping</i>
Vincent Tractors	£10,900.00

There are other suppliers advertising the mower cheaper online but once you click on the advertisement it shows a different price on the company website. All offer 12-month warranty.

We have also had a demonstration of a similar machine from a different manufacturer but this was not suitable for the 2 taller members of the team.

In the Operations Mangers opinion, Vincent Tractors offer not only the best price, they have a team of fitters that can be in Torpoint within 24hrs to rectify any mechanical issues quickly. They would also complete annual servicing on site, this means that we would not be waiting for collection and return of the machine.

The purchase of a new mower has been expedited due to a cracked weld on the Mountfield deck height mechanism, it would not be cost effective to repair this fault. The Mountfield can not continue to be used on all sites due to this fault.

Prepared by the Operations Manager

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