

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	6 December 2022
Report Title	Autumn Shrub Bed & Hedge Maintenance
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Officer's Recommendations

To note the report.

2022 Winter Shrub and Hedge Maintenance

The grounds team has commenced the winter maintenance of shrub beds and hedgerows.

The team has been bolstered by two temporary staff and one additional vehicle from 5th December. The intention is that these staff and the vehicle will be with us until 31st March 2023.

An order has been raised for additional handheld power tools.

The scheduled winter works will continue alongside this program.

Training.

This training will be funded from the previously agreed training budget.

Chain saw training is booked for two persons.

Basic Tractor operation is to be booked for two persons

Tractor and Side arm training as a follow on to basic tractor training is to be booked for two operatives.

2023/2024 Service Delivery Model

The Officers have been working with the Grounds Maintenance Facility working party presenting high level comparison costs for the autumn/winter shrub and hedge maintenance contract from 2023/2024 onwards for the next three years.