

Meeting	Full Council
Date	25 th March 2025
Report Title	Weed Spraying Proposal
Agenda Reference	10B
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Officers Recommendations

1. To approve Supplier A and work in conjunction with St Andrews Parish Council to conduct two weed spraying applications in April and August 2025.
2. To note the costs associated are £18,700.00 + VAT and will be met from the allocated budget assigned for 2025/2026 (£20,000.00).
3. Areas will be monitored and audited to bring results and recommendations for future years maintenance.

Weed Spraying

During budget setting, the Officers were tasked with reviewing options for weed spraying the kerb side edges and major footpaths within the parish.

In coalition with St Andrew's Parish Council, we have agreed upon a supplier, timing and application. St Andrew's Parish Council was slightly ahead of this project and had completed most of the leg work by obtaining quotations from local companies.

Budget Allocation

A budget of £20,000.00 has been set aside in 2025/2026 to cover the application cost and a quote of £9,350.00 per application has been received. This will allow two roadside applications within the months of April & Aug. **Total £18,700.00.**

Comparable Quotes

The Council has looked at various options for weed spraying over the last 6 months, inclusive of conducting the work in-house via employing seasonal workers.

Supplier A	£18,700.00 + VAT	2 applications as per trial with joint procurement rate discount with St Andrews PC
Supplier B	£37,500.00 + VAT	3 applications
Supplier C	Still awaiting quote (may be ready to be reported verbally to FC on 25.03.25)	N/A
In-House Option	£32,000.00 but this included taking on two seasonal members of staff for the duration of the weed spraying only	3 applications