OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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| **Officer: Jo Waldron** | **Date of Decision: 09/03/2021** |
| **Title/Reference:** One Round of Weed-spraying – March 2021**Delegated Decision Reference No:** 21/01/NS. |
| **Consultee Member (if applicable):** n/a |
| **Record of Decision:**One-off herbicide application by Dobson UK for the control of weeds on highway area within the district of Mansfield, during March 2021. The cost of one treatment is £13,929.75 + vat. |
| **Reasons for decision:** The council has been awarded a contract by Nottinghamshire County Council to undertake highway grass cutting and weed control across the district up until March 2022. In line with procurement advice, the weed-spraying contract for the district is currently out to tender with a closing date of 21 March 2021. There has been a delay to the publish date of the tender due to Covid related staff absence. This means the first contract spray will take place in June 2021 and the second in September 2021.To be effective, weed-spraying should begin by the end of March (3 rounds per year are required) therefore a one-off spray is required prior to the contract being awarded.Dobson UK are the current service provider. They have a proven track record and knowledge of the district.There is not the resource to provide this service in-house.The Annual Contract Review meeting between NCC and the districts is due to take place on 2 March 2021 where the future of the highway grass cutting and weed control in Mansfield will be discussed. |
| **Legal Powers / Authority:**The constitution stipulates at 3.01.18.1that the Head of Neighbourhood Services has the power to:“To take all operational decisions in respect of the Council’s functions in respect of car parks, cemeteries and crematorium, fleet, trade waste, waste, transfer station, Hermitage Lane depot, parks and open spaces, street cleansing, town centre management and waste and recycling.”The power has been sub delegated to the Parks and Street Cleansing Manager as set out in the Constitution at 3.01.18. |
| **Implications:**You should also consult any other relevant officers if you think the decision will have an impact on their areas of responsibility. | **Relevant Legislation:** The agreement between MDC and NCC is based upon co-operations to ensure public service performance is maintained. Both Councils have duties to maintain certain pieces of land under section 42 of the Highways Act 1980. Districts have the power to maintain certain highways and NCC has the power to delegate these services by contract under The Local authorities (Goods and Service Act) 1970. |
| **Finance:** Advice has been sort from the Procurement Unit and the Corporate Assurance Manager.The cost of the one-off spray is £13,929.75 + vat and can be contained within the existing budget.The Highways maintenance contract with NCC currently generates £161,722 of income per year. |
| **HR:** n/a |
| **Climate Change:** n/a |
| **Data Protection:** n/a |
| **Human Rights:** n/a |
| **Equality and Diversity:** n/a |
| **In consultation with:**(Where applicable) | **Head of Paid Service:** n/a |
| **Monitoring Officer: -** Comments noted and incorporated above. |
| **Section 151 Officer:** Finance comments noted and amended. |
| **Signature of Decision Taker:**(Please do not ‘pp’) |  |

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