

**To receive a request to upgrade grounds maintenance equipment and consider any actions and associated expenditure.**

1. Woodchipper upgrade and reasons

In January 2024 we purchased an entry level woodchipper machine at a cost of £3,995. We have used this for the minor tree and hedging work we carry out around the Towns various locations. This has helped reduce the waste material and trips to the disposal centre.

During this year staff members have attended a chainsaw training course. This now allows us to cut and fell larger trees. This will create much larger logs and branches that our current chipper won't be able to handle.

On this basis we would like to upgrade the current chipper to a larger commercial model. This will help us to manage our waste and create better usable chippings for the Towns flower beds and other locations. Therefore, reducing the cost of waste disposal.

This will also help us to manage the cutting and waste by product of the ash trees mentioned within the Town tree report.



The above images are the types of chippers that we are looking to upgrade to. They can also be towed by hitching to our vans rather than go in the trailer which we currently have to do. This means we could take the new machine to different locations in less time.

We appreciate this is an expense however the longevity of this machine will pay for itself over time.

We approached a current supplier to consider a trade-in deal for our existing machine against a purchase of a new machine. Below are three options for consideration.

### **Option 1**

New Greentech machine	<b>£13,250.00</b>
Trade-in deal	<b>-£ 3,200.00</b>
Total to pay	<b>£10,050.00</b>

The new machine comes with a warranty for the first 12 months. They will also deliver the machine for free.

We approached other supplier for a similar deal to look at the difference if any. Out of four companies only two would consider a trade in deal.

The below is from an alternative supplier, happy to offer a trade-in. However, they are based outside of Cornwall meaning we would need to collect the machine from them.

### **Option 2**

Equal machine purchase at	<b>£ 14,625.00</b>
Trade-in deal	<b>-£ 1000.00</b>
Warranty	<b>£ 370.00</b>
Total to pay	<b>£ 13,995.00</b>

### **Option 3**

We continue using the machine we have and wait to see if we can find another supplier to provide a better machine at a better price. No guarantee on time or pricing.

We would very much like members to consider the trade-in and purchase of the new machine as set out above. **£10,050.00**

This would come from budget code 6578 SE EMF Equipment & Vehicles (Capital work)

Current budget **£54,038.00**

**End of Report**  
**Service Delivery Manager**