

F&A – 25 June 2020

Agenda Item FA1516/20

Purchase of Bicycle for Use by Council Staff

Introduction

Proposal to buy a push bicycle that would be available to use for all four members of staff in the day to day running of the Council.

Discussion

Key points to consider when discussing the purchase:

- It would enable the Grounds Maintenance Team to continue practicing social distancing measures that the government are suggesting, whilst being able to access all areas of Croxley Green without too much wasted time from walking.
- It is a relatively cheap way of enabling separate working practices to continue, when compared to the cost of buying or hiring another motor vehicle.
- The bicycle will be used to inspect footpaths, visit sites that have been reported as having issues by residents and councillors, and used to deliver and collect small items from around the parish without adding unnecessary mileage and fuel wastage to the works utility vehicle.
- It is a green, environmentally friendly, health conscious way of travelling, that would promote the council's commitment to reduced carbon footprint and energy wastage.
- It may encourage residents to get out and about and be active, and use bicycles more than singular cars for journeys.
- Prices vary between £250 – £400 for a good basic bicycle. Exact style and model or bicycle is to be agreed with the Clerk.
- The bicycle could be used as a mobile form of advertisement for the Parish Council as an internal frame board with Council livery could be added. (See picture below for an example).



Recommendation

- That a bicycle, with additional council branding added, be purchased up to a total cost of £500, for staff use when travelling around the parish.

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