

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL MEETING

23th February 2026

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. TOOLS FOR TREE WORKS

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the purchase of a chainsaw to support ground maintenance and tree management works carried out by the outside operatives.
- 1.2 The Council outside operatives undertake a range of ground maintenance, vegetation management and minor tree works across its land and assets
- 1.3 To ensure the work is carried out safely and in compliance with health and safety requirements, operatives are required to hold the appropriate qualification.
- 1.4 The Senior Outside Operative has recently obtained the qualification which enables him to operate a 15-inch chainsaw. The other operative is already qualified to use the pole saw, thus putting the Council in a position to make effective and safe use of chainsaw as part use of its inhouse operations
- 1.5 The chainsaw being considered for purchase is the Echo CS-4510. This model is suitable for professional and semi professional grounds maintenance tasks and is appropriate for the type of work carried out by council staff. The Echo CS -4510 is suitable for pruning and reduction work, along with assisting with the removal of fallen or dangerous branches and general woodland and verge management.
- 1.6 The purchase of a chainsaw would provide the following advantages to operational procedure
 - Improve productivity
 - Reduced reliance on outside contractor

- Better co-ordination of work with the use of both the chainsaw and pole saw,
- Enhanced response capability , the council will be better equipped to respond more quickly to any damage caused by fallen trees etc.

2. ENVIROMENTAL AND BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

2.1 Well maintained trees play a crucial role in the support of biodiversity with the local areas. The ability to have the appropriate equipment and qualified staff enables the council to be proactive and in turn this offers healthier trees, enhanced biodiversity, improved public safety.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The following quotes have been obtained for the Echo CS- 4510 chainsaw

- a. Company A - £367.62 + VAT
- b. Company B - £449.00 +VAT
- c. Company C - £450.00 + VAT

3.2 The purchase would be taken from the budget heading Tree Works which currently has sufficient fund for this purchase.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Members views are sought as to whether or not to purchase the Chainsaw for works stated in the report.

4.2 If Member agree to the purchase then consideration is need to be given as to which company they wish to proceed with in 3.1 of the report