

Appendix Two – Amended Grounds Maintenance Specification and Associated Savings

Report to Joint Meeting of Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Environment Committee

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Conclusion of Grounds Maintenance Options

Area	Original Specification	Revised Specification	General Fund Saving £	Housing Saving £	Total Savings/Income £
Open space grass cutting	10 cuts	7 cuts	66,476	29,178	95,654
HRA Sheltered Housing	14 cut and collect	16 high spec cut and drop		19,966	19,966
Assisted Gardens	14 cut and collect 2 hedge cuts	14 cut and drop 1 hedge cut		82,141	82,141
Hedge Cutting	2 cuts	1 cut	21,734	21,779	43,513
Parks and Public Realm	2.5 Park Attendants	Cover spec requirements with GM teams	84,003		
	2 hedge cuts	1 hedge cut	3,731		
	10 cuts	7 cuts	3,939		91,673
Shrub bed maintenance *	4 cuts	2 cuts	36,589		36,589
Hard surface sweeping (introduction of mechanical sweeping)	Weekly	Monthly	4,879		4,879
Retain income from additional works for Parish Councils			50,000		50,000
TOTAL SAVINGS			271,351	153,064	424,415
REVISED COST OF SERVICE					

* This applies to general fund shrub beds only. Parks, St Peter's Hill and Abbey Gardens will be retained at 4 cuts per annum.