

**FINANCIAL WAIVER FOR THE REPLACEMENT  
OF A TRACTOR AT HOLYFIELD HALL FARM**

Presented by the Head of Parklands

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Member approval to waive Financial Regulations in regard to purchasing a second-hand replacement tractor at Holyfield Hall Farm.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Members Approve: to waive Financial Regulation 573 to enable replacement of a tractor at Holyfield Hall Farm.

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 Holyfield Hall Farm (the Farm) has been owned and directly managed by the Authority since 1976. The Authority purchased the working farm together with the visitor farm (Hayes Hill). Its 600 acres are managed as a mixed farm supporting a milking herd, livestock and an arable operation. The Authority owns circa 4,500 acres of land including many areas of parkland which is open to the public. The Farm also then provides grazing animals, which are important in the on-going management of nature conservation sites within the Regional Park, and is part of the visitor attraction at Lee Valley Park Farm. The visitor attraction is owned by the Authority and currently managed by Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd (the Trust).

**TRACTOR REPLACEMENT**

- 2 The existing tractor is 13 years old and is due for replacement. This machine has exceeded its normal programmed replacement of every 10 years.
- 3 The tractor has now started to cost more money to maintain and there is a danger expenses will rise above that which it is economical to maintain.
- 4 The cost of new tractors is very high. As such officers have looked at a second-hand replacement. Costs obtained for replacing the tractor second-hand are £81,000, when compared to the same model new is £105,000, providing a saving of £24,000, so provides better value for money.

- 5 Over the last six months officers have sought and found a replacement tractor that meets all the technical requirements and is within budget.
- 6 Due to the fact the Authority will be purchasing from the second-hand market it is unable to formally tender. Financial Regulation 573/4 requires all procurement above £25,000 and up to EU Thresholds to be formally tendered. The estimated cost is set out below.

2018 Valtra T174 EV	£84,250
Discount	£3,250
Trade-in	£21,000
Balance	£60,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7 The replacement tractor is of a new generation which is more efficient to run and has less impact on the environment when compared to the tractor it is replacing.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8 The cost of the tractor will be met from the Farm's existing renewals budget which is built up each year by revenue contributions from the operational budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 9 There are no human resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10 There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 11 If the current tractor is not replaced any breakdowns will impact on the Farm's financial performance in regard to arable production, especially if the breakdowns occur at vital times in the year i.e., vital tasks will not be undertaken that are time critical.

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 12 There are no equality implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

the Farm                      Holyfield Hall Farm