

# HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**To: Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee**

**Cllrs: Mrs T McMahon (Chairman), D Dixon-Wilkinson, Ms L Ellaway, C Slough, AS Swain, Ms S Thorne, Mrs Y Farrell**

**(Copies to other Councillors for information)**

## Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **Environment & Leisure Committee** to be held at the Council Offices, Peel Street on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 7pm.

***THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED \****

**Clare Evans  
Town Clerk**

## Agenda

### 1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

### 2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with approved Standing Orders 1(e) – 1(l), members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

### 3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not

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currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of any such interest.

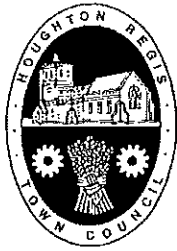
Members are invited to submit any requests for Dispensations for consideration.

**4. REPLACEMENT OF FORD RANGER PICKUP**

To request that members consider the replacement of one of the Ford Ranger pickups due to its age and a faulty gear box.

- Recommendation:**
- 1. Subject to satisfactory inspection to purchase the second-hand vehicle as detailed;**
  - 2. Should this vehicle not prove suitable to authorise the purchase of a similar second-hand vehicle up to a value of £17,000;**
  - 3. To authorise the sale of the current vehicle once a replacement has been sourced.**

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**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Title:** REPLACEMENT OF FORD RANGER PICKUP

**Purpose of the Report:** To request that members consider the replacement of one of the Ford Ranger pickups due to its age and a faulty gear box.

**Contact Officer:** Tony Luff, Head of Grounds Operations

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1. Subject to satisfactory inspection to purchase the second-hand vehicle as detailed;
2. Should this vehicle not prove suitable to authorise the purchase of a similar second-hand vehicle up to a value of £17,000;
3. To authorise the sale of the current vehicle once a replacement has been sourced.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Members are advised that one of the Ford Rangers has developed a fault with the gear box.

The repair costs are likely to be in the region of £2500 - £3000 although the actual cost will be dependent on the extent of the fault found.

The vehicle is approximately 10 years old and is nearing the end of its economic life.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

It is possible to get the gear box repaired. The cost of which is estimated to be £2500-£3000.

Due to the age of the vehicle members may consider it more appropriate to consider replacing the vehicle. The following quotations have been sourced:

<b>Option – New</b>	<b>Cost exc VAT</b>	<b>Sale of asset</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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Ray Smith Garage	£22,809	£4,800	<i>3 year warranty or 100,000 miles whichever comes first</i>
Gates of Stevenage	£22,811	£4,800	<i>3 year warranty or 100,000 miles whichever comes first</i>
<b>Option – Second-hand</b>	<b>Cost exc VAT</b>	<b>Sale of asset</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Gates of Harlow	£16,645	£4,800	<i>Current mileage 5,815 miles 2 year 2 month warranty or 100,00 miles whichever comes first Registered late April 2018</i>

The above prices all include fitted tow bar, flashing beacon, and lined truck back.

Members are requested to note that these prices are correct at time of agenda preparation, in particular the second-hand vehicle may have been sold prior to member consideration. In addition, the re-sale value of the current vehicle may have altered.

#### 4. COUNCIL VISION

The proposed action supports the Objectives of Council's Vision;  
5. A strong efficient and proactive Town Council.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS

##### **Corporate Implications**

- There are no corporate implications

##### **Legal Implications**

- There are no legal implications

##### **Financial Implications**

- As required by Financial Regulations 3 quotes have been sourced.
- The budget for a replacement vehicle would come from 299-4851 in 2019/20 (£20,000 available)
- The budget for a repair to the current vehicle would come from 291-4042 in 2019/20 (£10,000 available)
- In the 2019/20 budget there will be an unbudgeted for income from Sale of Assts of £4800. This will be of benefit to the council.

##### **Risk Implications**

- Should the council fail to repair or replace the current vehicle there is a risk to service delivery should the vehicle breakdown and become unusable.

##### **Equalities Implications**

Houghton Regis Town Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage

and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

This project / issue does not discriminate.

## **6. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS**

The current Ford Ranger has a gear box problem which should cost in the region of between £2,500 to £3,000 to repair depending on the faults found during the mechanical investigation.

Due to the age of the vehicle and the repair costs it is suggested that a replacement second -hand vehicle be sought. It is considered that this represents better value for money than a new vehicle.

