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Briefing Note

12. Tree Survey 2024

For Finance, Governance & Estates Committee 20 June 2024

Introduction

Every 3 years we are required have a Tree Risk Assessment carried out on our tree stock. Over the past 3 years we have broken our surveys into 2 groups,

1. Recreation Areas
2. Hurst Meadows and Ancient Woodland.

This year we are due to carry out the tree risk assessment on the trees within our Recreation Areas. This will include:

- Millennium Garden
- St George's Green
- South Avenue Recreation Grounds
- South Avenue
- South Avenue Cemetery
- Village Garden
- War Memorial
- Lower Churchyard
- Allotments
- Weald Close, Old BT Exchange
- Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds
- Court Bushes

For the last 3 years we have appointed Nicholas Jones Consultants Ltd. to carry out these surveys, including any Sonic Tomography surveys that may have been required. Despite several attempts to contact Nicholas Jones to carry out the surveys for this year, we to date have had no response from him and we have had to seek additional quotes from other companies to carry out these assessments.

Three Consultants were approached, only two of the three consultants have responded.

Contractor 1 – PJC

PJC have carried out the Tree risk surveys for us in the past, however, they were out bid when we reviewed the tree surveys prices in 2021.

To carry out a full survey of all the above sites, creating a schedule of works on any trees requiring action to make safe or prolong the life of the tree. This would be at a cost of **£890.00 plus VAT.**

Contractor 2 – Crown Tree Consultancy

Crown were approached with the same information docket as PJC, they have offered the same level of risk assessment and broke their quote down per site.

- Millennium Garden **£595 plus VAT.**

- St. George's Green **£595 plus VAT.**
- South Avenue Recreation Grounds **£650 plus VAT**
- South Avenue Cemetery (including South Avenue) **£450 plus VAT.**
- Village Garden **£295 plus VAT.**
- War Memorial **£250 Plus VAT.**
- Lower Churchyard **£275 plus VAT.**
- Allotments **£250 plus VAT.**
- Weald Close, Old BT Exchange **£295 plus VAT.**
- Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds **£525 plus VAT.**
- Court Bushes **£595 plus VAT.**

A total Cost of **£4,775 plus VAT.**

Proposal

The proposal is to appoint PJC to carry out the tree risk assessment for 2024 in our Recreation sites as above at a cost of £890.00 plus VAT.

Conclusion

The Committee is asked to agree the appointment of PJC to carry out the Tree Risk Assessment at the above sites, at a **Total cost of £890.00 plus VAT.**

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to AGREE the appointment of PJC to carry out the Tree risk assessments for 2024 in our recreation sites at a total cost of £890.00 plus VAT.