



AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: 15.04.2025

Agenda Item: 10

Subject:	Flagpole Replacements				
Prepared by:	Sam Dickins, Wareham Town Council				
Purpose of Report:	To select a supplier and installer for the Town Hall's replacement flagpoles.				
Background:	<p>Wareham Town Council agreed allocate £2,000 within its 2025/26 budget to replace the Town Hall's flagpoles at its budget and precept setting meeting on 28 January 2025.</p> <p>The current flagpoles have served the Council for a considerable period and are beginning to deteriorate in places and replacement is prudent. New lighter flagpoles may also eliminate the need for stays to support the poles, which would lessen the number of times the flags get furled.</p>				
Key Points:	<p>Two quotes have been obtained for the supplying and installing the flagpoles.</p> <p>A third company was engaged, whose quote has not arrived before this paper's circulation.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin: 10px 0;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Supplier 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,760</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplier 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,963.67</td> </tr> </table> <p>During the installation process, the pavement outside the Town Hall will need to be temporarily closed, requiring a suitable closure notice from Dorset Council, which will incur a fee. The exact fee the Town Council would need to pay will depend on the permit category required by Dorset Council, but this is likely to fall under the delegated spend authority of the Town Clerk.</p>	Supplier 1	£2,760	Supplier 2	£2,963.67
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Implications	<p>Financial – overspend of budget with the most competitive quote being £760 over budget. This overspend would need to be agreed by Policy Resources and Finance, or Full Council.</p> <p>Material – Failure to replace the flag poles increases the risk of the current flags' deterioration.</p> <p>Health and Safety – deterioration of the current flag poles could see an incident of falling debris onto the pavement below, putting pedestrians at risk.</p>				
Recommendation	To consider the purchase of replacement flag poles for the Town Hall.				