



## AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: 15 April 2025

### Agenda Item: 9

<b>Subject:</b>	Cricket Wicket Replacement				
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sam Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk				
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To consider the supplier for a replacement cricket wicket and recommend the expenditure to Full Council.				
<b>Background:</b>	<p>The cricket wicket has served the Council for approximately a decade and has since degraded through normal use and unfortunate incidences of misuse and vandalism.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Amenities Committee on 11 January 2023 a resolution was made to create a £6,000 budget provision for the 2024/25 financial year, and this was increased by £2,500 in the 2025/26 financial year budget.</p>				
<b>Key Points:</b>	<p>The reserve balance sits at £8500 for the replacement of the artificial cricket wicket for the 2025/26 financial year.</p> <p>Consideration for carrying out minor repairs as a cost-inefficient, short-term solution has been highlighted as likely needing frequent repetition. Whereas proposed replacements have lifespans of 10 – 12 years.</p> <p>It would be prudent to arrange for installation after the current cricket season once a company has been appointed. Correspondence with suppliers indicates this is achievable.</p> <p>Two quotes for replacement of the entire artificial wicket, including Supplier 2's quote to replace the membrane of the top of the undamaged concrete underneath.</p> <p>At the time of publishing this report a third supplier has been contacted on multiple occasions, but no quote has forthcoming from this firm.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Supplier 1</td><td>£9403</td></tr> <tr> <td>Supplier 2</td><td>£8672</td></tr> </table> <p>The expenditure will exceed £5,000 and in line with Wareham Town Council's Financial Regulations, Full Council must authorise the commitment of this spend.</p>	Supplier 1	£9403	Supplier 2	£8672
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<b>Implications</b>	<p>The most cost-effective replacement of the wicket is approximately 2.02% overbudget and would require Council's approval for an unbudgeted spend in the sum of £172.</p> <p>Failure to replace the artificial cricket wicket may lead to decreased revenue generation from Wareham Town Council's cricketing facilities as clubs may avoid using the Recreation Ground.</p>				
<b>Recommendation</b>	To recommend the selection of Supplier 2 to replace the artificial cricket wicket to Full Council for approval.				