



Minehead Town Council - Amenities Power Tool Equipment Report

Background

Minehead Town Council's Amenities Team provides essential in-house maintenance and repair services across the town. Their responsibilities include repairs to public toilets, benches, play equipment, and Open Space perimeter fencing. The team also performs seasonal work such as installing Christmas trees above shops and maintaining decorative displays in the centre islands during summer months.

The primary objective is to carry out repairs and maintenance in-house rather than relying on third-party contractors. During a recent comprehensive inventory assessment of the depot's tools and equipment, conducted by the Clerk, several issues were identified through the asset register:

- Much of the equipment is ageing or no longer fit for purpose
- Tools are spread across multiple manufacturers, requiring different batteries and chargers
- Some manufacturers are no longer readily available in the market
- Sourcing some replacement parts and batteries has become increasingly difficult

Needs

To enable the Amenities Team to perform their duties efficiently and safely, there is a requirement for reliable, commercial standard equipment. After consultation with the Amenities Team and evaluation of their current and anticipated work requirements, the following criteria have been established:

- All equipment should be from a single manufacturer to ensure battery and charger compatibility
- The chosen manufacturer should be well-established to guarantee future availability of parts and batteries
- The new equipment should allow for a reduction in overall tool inventory, freeing up valuable depot space

Based on these requirements, the identified solution is:

- Makita 9 piece power tool brushless set (Drill/Impact drill, Impact Wrench, sander, planer, jigsaw, reciprocating saw, multitool, grinder, circular saw,) 4 x batteries & 2 x Chargers.

This standardised set will meet all current and anticipated operational needs while ensuring long-term serviceability.

Brushless power tools are more efficient, have longer runtime, and require less maintenance than brushed power tools.

Finance

The requirement for this equipment upgrade was anticipated and incorporated into the 2024/25 budget planning. Adequate funding is available within the Equipment budget allocation.

Three competitive quotes were gathered, that reflected differing interpretations of the request detailed above:

Quote A: £2256.00 Inc. VAT

Quote B: £2406.00 Inc. VAT

Quote C: £2532.00 Inc. VAT

Quote A was incomplete, failing to quote for the entire requested set and unable to source a fully 'brushless' solution. Additionally, they could not resubmit a quote that adequately addressed the original request. In contrast, Quotes B and C are identical and cover the full specification.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council approve the purchase of the Makita 9 tool brushless set for the Amenities Team, with Quote B being accepted as the preferred supplier.

Ben Parker

Town Clerk

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