

# HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## APPROVAL FOR URGENT CABINET DECISION

(Executive Procedure Rule B16)

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### Summary and Approvals

1. **Title of Report**  
Weed killing of Highways and Back Streets
2. **Report Author**  
Craig Haraben (Acting Head of Community Services)
3. **Purpose of Report**  
To inform Council about the need to engage a suitably qualified and knowledgeable contractor to undertake the weed killing of highways and back streets for 2016
4. **Decision requested**  
That the Council waive contract procedure rules to ensure weed killing is undertaken throughout the Borough in 2016, while giving HBC the time to evaluate the new settlement from LCC and make a decision on future provision, without tying the Council into a long term contract.
5. **Reason for Urgency**  
The contractor would need to be given an order so they can plan to undertake the weed killing work during July 2016.
6. **Background Information**  
Hyndburn Borough Council (HBC) has for many years undertaken public realm maintenance work on behalf of Lancashire County Council (LCC) via service level agreement. This public realm work includes grass cutting of highway verges, leaf clearance, maintenance of street trees and the application of pesticide to footpaths, highways and back streets.

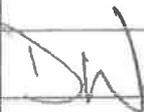
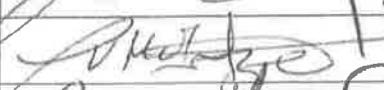
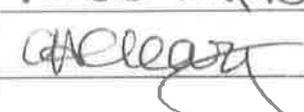
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As such LCC have only funded and require weed killer to be applied on one occasion during the year instead of the usual two occasions.

An assessment will need to be made as to whether HBC continue to deliver public realm work for LCC in 2017 due to the level of funding reducing so significantly. There may come a point when the funding does not cover the work being requested by LCC.

That being the case I would like to appoint the weed killing contractor who was responsible for undertaking weed killing work between 2010 and 2015, as this would not require HBC to be tied into a long term contract. The current contractor has agreed to hold their price to reflect that paid for one application of pesticide in 2015. A tender exercise for one year would not realise any significant savings and a new contractor would require much more management, direction and would need to learn the geography and road names of Hyndburn.

7. Approvals of Members and Officers

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Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services)	
Deputy Chief Executive	
Chief Officer/Head of Service	
<b>Elected Members</b>	
Leader	
pp Deputy Leader (C Cleary)	 Approved by email
Portfolio Holder (K. Moran)	 Approved by email
Mayor (to agree to exempt from call-in)	Agreed by phone

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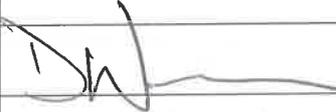
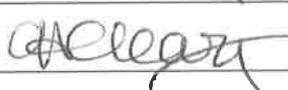
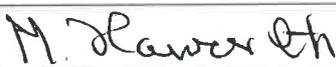
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