



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this Report is to update Members of the current Grounds Maintenance arrangements, and to suggest a way forward with a new contract.

## 1) BACKGROUND

- a) Ventnor Town Council has a Partnership Agreement with the Isle of Wight Council to manage Grounds Maintenance of various sites in the town. This Partnership Agreement was renewed in 2021 and runs to 31 December 2026.
- b) VTC holds a contract to do the works. This contract states that it commenced in January 2019 for a period of 24 months, with a clause that it could be extended by a further 24 months. VTC has continued to let it run, accepting an annual inflation-based increase.
- c) This contract costs VTC circa £35,000 per annum currently

## 2) PROPOSAL

- a) VTC Officers would review the areas covered under the Partnership Agreement with the Isle of Wight Council and areas under VTC jurisdiction as some areas have previously been maintained by voluntary organisations including Bonchurch Pond, Salisbury Gardens, Ventnor Paddling Pool area, Grove Road triangle and Spring Hill Gardens.

## 3) RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to:

- a) Agree to VTC Officers reviewing the grounds maintenance areas with the view to forming a tender package for a new contract.
- b) Consider arrangements for a tender process.