

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Report from the Devolved Services Task & Finish Group meeting held on 25/11/2015 in the Town Council Offices

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Present Councillors, Bob Barnes; Keith Francis; Martin Eager; Debbie Baker; Andrew Manns.

Mr Dave Mccutcheon.

#### **Grass maintenance**

Mr Mccutcheon presented estimated quotes for maintenance of some of the amenity areas within the Town presently maintained by Balfour Beatty.

Town Trail/Queens Walk area, Bridge St to Orchard Lane, NO tree work.

Walled Garden, NO tree work.

Martins Way play area.

He answered the member's questions, and then left the meeting.

Following lengthy discussion the group agreed on the following

#### **Recommendation:**

**Ledbury Town Council should request authority from Herefordshire County Council to assume responsibility for the Grass maintenance of the following areas;-**

**Town Trail/ Queens Walk; Walled Garden and Martins Way play area.**

The group then considered the retention of the Lengthsman for a further 12 months.

It was agreed that the Lengthsman should be retained for a further 12 months and that a budget allowance should be added to cover his contract, irrespective of whether the present HCC grant is maintained or not.

#### **Recommendation:**

**The Town Council will retain the services of the Lengthsman for a further 12 months.**

To facilitate the above recommendations the group proposes the sum of £15,000 be added to the budget.

#### **Recommendation:**

**£15,000 is added to the budget for the purpose of undertaking limited devolved services, ground maintenance, as stated above, and retaining the services of the lengthsman.**

In the event of the Lengthsman/P3 grant being maintained, further consideration will be given to taking responsibility for other devolved services that are within budget.

Other devolved services will be considered and costed, in preparation for implementation over the next 12 months.