

## QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Question asked by Councillor:</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN GREEN CROYDON</b> <b>Councillor Stuart Collins</b>		
CQ087-18	Pollard, H	Grass Cutting Contract

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## **CQ087-18 from Councillor Helen Pollard**

### **Councillor Stuart Collins**

Please can you tell me more about bringing the grass-cutting contract back in house?

- When will it be brought in-house?
- How many staff will be employed to carry out the work?
- What equipment will they have to do the work?
- How much will the service cost when it is in-house?
- What cost saving will be made from now using the current contractor?

### **Reply**

The council believes our parks are one of the greatest things about Croydon and are vital to our busy town, they help to create healthy communities where everyone can exercise and have fun. Bringing and unifying the grounds maintenance service in house will enable the council to offer increased control and better quality of services. It will be easier to monitor and manage performance issues much better and be more responsive as a service.

In response to your specific questions:

**Please can you tell me more about bringing the grass-cutting contract back in house?**

**When will it be brought in-house?**

The current contract with Idverde expires on Jan 31st 2019 so the new in-house arrangement is scheduled to begin on 1st February 2019.

**How many staff will be employed to carry out the work?**

The current service provider has confirmed there are currently 106FTEs employed on this contract, the council will be working with the service provider and complying with TUPE to bring the service in house.

**What equipment will they have to do the work?**

The council will be discussing the transfer of equipment for undertaking the service as part of the demobilisation of the current contract, other equipment deemed necessary will be procured for use.

**How much will the service cost when it is in-house?**

A value for money assessment carried out by officers and industry experts has been carried out and it is anticipated that the cost of the in-house service will be around £3.2 -3.5m

**What cost saving will be made from now using the current contractor?**

There are no cost savings being made for the current service.