

Parish council meeting 28th September 2022

Item 18, Appendix 10

Email from ESCC Highways regarding the options for rural grass cutting service in 2023.

Dear Kingston Parish Council,

I am writing in relation to the urban grass cutting service for 2023. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is continuing to offer the same options as last year and would be grateful if you could let us know which option your Council would like to choose for next year.

Grass Cutting Maps

You can now access the [grass cutting maps online here](#), please scroll in on the map until the grass loads. This map is being continually updated and validated by our asset team and they welcome any feedback through the contact us button within the link.

Please be advised, the m2 for Urban has been validated for this year and the allocated amounts confirmed as below. Any changes to the map will affect the allocated amounts for the following year. All Parish/Town Councils receive the same amount per each m2.

Options

Option 1 - Standard: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

Option 2 - Extra cuts: Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost the Parish Council a total of £879 for the year.

Option 3 - Self delivery: Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay the Parish Council the sum of £439 to do this.

It should be noted that any contractor employed must be suitably competent and qualified to work safely on the highway. We also request an agreement to be signed between ESCC and the Parish Council if you opt to self-deliver. Further details are available in the attached document.

I would be grateful if you could indicate which option your Council would like to choose by **16th December**. Please be aware that if we have not heard back by this date, we will default to Option 1 - two standard cuts.

If you require any further information you can contact me at contracts.managementgroup@eastsussex.gov.uk