

Brixham Town Council

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| Title: | Gutter Cleaning | | |
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Purpose of Report

To consider the best option on how to clear gutters of the Town Hall.

Background

To until recently, the Town Council has had the benefit of utilising the Gutter Cleaner owned by Torbay Development Agency and the Building and Facilities Officer has then carried out the work. However, the cleaner has started to deteriorate and the has never been able to reach the higher areas of the Town Hall.

The Town Hall gutters need clearing a minimum of three times per year and prices have been obtained for hire of equipment, paid for services and purchasing the equipment. Details of which can be found below.

Prices

| Option | Per Clean | Annual charge (3 times per year) | Price over two years |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hire | £348 | £1,044 | £2,088 |
| Paid for Services | £750 | £2,250 | £4,500 |
| Purchase | £1,650 | £1,650 | £1,650 |

Equipment

All three quotes above are based on the use of the Sky Vac Industrial Gutter Cleaning Machine.

The Sky Vac Commercial 75 gutter cleaning machine features two powerful motors delivering 100" water lift and an air flow movement of 7166 litres per minute. Combined with the suction poles and a choice of 3 height packages up to 4 stories / 12m / 40ft, the Sky Vac Commercial 75 is the mid-range gutter cleaning machine, ideal for professional gutter cleaning.

Suction Poles

Each 1.5m suction pole is made of ultra-lightweight carbon fibre and is three times lighter than the equivalent aluminium poles.

The Sky Vac will reach the top gutters of the Town Hall and more areas than the equipment borrowed from the Torbay Development Agency or by hiring in a cherry picker.



Recommendation

It is considered that the best option would be to purchase the equipment outright to ensure that the gutters are kept clear of debris a minimum of three times per annum.

It is further believed that the Town Council should consider offering a new service of gutter cleaning, which could be a subsidised service incorporated within the Gardening Assistance Scheme. Details of which should be discussed and considered by the Community Services Committee.