

Report to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 25th May 2022

Renewal of Combined Insurance Policy YLL-122006-7953

Background

The Parish Council last renewed the Insurance Property & Liability cover* in June 2017 under a Long-Term Agreement (LTA) expiring June 2022 (3 years with a 2-year extension). Insurance cover also includes Engineering inspection.

Current position at May 2022

The Parish Council may choose, under negotiation with Zurich, to renew Insurances* for a further 5-year period. This again would be within the terms of an (LTA) attracting a premium discount and continuity of cover and value for money premium expenditure. Cover is subject to an annual uplift on inflation against Property (All Risks) sums insured. The Insurance budget for 2022/2023 must be considered, and the suggested premium of £736.14 (inclusive) falls within the Budget set for 2022/2023.

Insurance Market 2022

Insurance rates are current at their softest (except for Motor risks of which Botus Fleming do not have any fleet vehicles).

Zurich Insurance are experts in Underwriting Local Council business and offer competitive rates and Long-Term Policy discounts. The only other player in the market is Came & Company who may write business for smaller Councils.

Zurich also deliver an excellent claims service and flexible with Underwriting requests from the Insured in connection with adding new risks.

Recommendation

An extension period to the Long-Term Agreement would avoid any Tender process until 2027.

There is an urgency to ensure that Public Liability Indemnity cover is in place for the Parish Council's 'Big Event' due to take place on the 2nd June 2022.

Following negotiations between the Parish Clerk and Zurich Underwriting, a 5-year renewal period quotation has been sought, with the recommended insurance renewal premium for June 2022 actually lower than that of June 2017. The rate would be guaranteed for 5 years and enable the Council to budget accordingly and within the limits of the current Precept requirement.

The Recommendation to Council is to seek Approval to settle the annual insurance premium for £736.14 (inclusive of ipt) as demonstrated in the attached schedule.

- Insurance schedule 2022

Renewal Year		Premium *		IPT		Vat
1st June 2017		739.42		44.50		54.01
1st June 2018		747.85		44.50		55.42
1st June 2019		748.43		44.56		55.42
1st June 2020		763.96		46.23		55.42
1st June 2021		765.28		46.37		55.42
End of 5-year LTA period ^						
1st June 2022		736.14		46.73		50.00
New 5-year LTA period						

* inclusive of IPT & Vat

^ long term agreement

Clerk & RFO 6th May 2022