

Appendix 3 – Wider risks and associated mitigations

Risk	Mitigations
Budget	Fixed contract value plus CPI, agreed asset management plan
Reduction in frequencies and standards leading to an increase in complaints	Dynamic management of the contract, use of complaint and accident data to prioritise. Engage the community and friend's groups etc.
Unknown contractor	Establish working relationship to ensure partnership working. Agreed frequency in contract for operational and contract meetings. Procurement documentation.
Potential changes to contract during the contract term	Flexible approach, intelligent client, open book/transparent approach. Contract to enable the reduction if/when significant asset transfer or sale takes place.
Possible transfer or sale of assets	The option of transferring assets through the existing Council Asset and Service Devolvement Policy exists. If Town and Parish Councils do not wish to transfer assets, they could consider contributing towards the Councils contract costs.
Climate change	Contract specification would need to change to meet Council aspiration. This could mean an increased budget is required e.g., tree planting & management or other services are reduced.
Contract term	The contract needs to ensure equipment can be depreciated over reasonable term to ensure we achieve the expected standards. A minimum of 5 years is required to allow for depreciation of equipment costs.
Fixed Price plus CPI (Consumer Price Inflation) not attracting high quality bids.	The client will continue to work with the contractor to find the best way to achieve the best possible standards within the budget. It is envisaged changes to the assets through transfer or sale or contributions towards the contract will soften the impact.
Potential banning of chemicals	The contractor will be permitted to employ methods of weed control based on need, efficiency and compliance with relevant regulations including any changes that may happen including withdrawal of any chemical from the market.
Unable to appoint a new contractor due to contract value or uncertainty over Future, leading to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to meet statutory obligations and/or maintain safety of our green spaces. • Increase in complaints and civil claims. • Reputational damage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retender the contract based on report recommendations. • Keep executive informed of progress.
Loss of rental income from Cross Park Nursey	Expectation the contractor will be based within the district and ideally utilise this facility.