

Vehicle Accessories Report

Background

The Council own a 2 seater utility gator vehicle which was purchased in 2017.

Issues

The gator does not have a heating system which means that the large expanse of glass (including the doors) gets steamed up in the winter which is a hazard and the grounds staff are freezing cold when they drive about in it. To alleviate this issue various temporary heating fixes have been tried, none of which have been ideal but we continued to explore in part due to consideration that the gator may at some point be traded in for a 3 seater gator. The newer gators have a heating system. However, the combination of a van & gator does provide good flexibility so there appears to be little reason to move to 3 seater gator. Therefore, we do need to address the heating issue. In addition, this model of gator has a potential security flaw so it is suggested an immobiliser is fitted.

Cost

A quotation of £1,852 + VAT has been received from the gator supplier.

Budget Implications

It has already been reported to Council that budget line 46 – equipment & maintenance will run over its budget with a predicted year end spend of circa £11,000 this quotation would further increase the overspend for these accessories.

Recommendation

To proceed with the fitting of these accessories.