

QUESTION NO 12

By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2020

With the re-activation of the public spaces grass maintenance teams, and the update to councillors that no grass cuttings would be collected, but instead left to disperse, there is likely to be a significant amount of loose grass in our open spaces. While recognising the approach to encourage more 'wild flowers/areas' and that loose cuttings may be a good nutrient for the soil underneath, our open space still need to be inviting to enjoy, and practical for some physical activities.

As such please provide information on the following:

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| Question | (1) What is the cost of suitable equipment to collect grass cuttings (cost per machine/vehicle) |
| Answer | (1) |
| Question | (2) How many are already owned by the Council and how many are currently operational? |
| Answer | (2) |
| Question | (3) What discussions have taken place with potential private contractors to undertake the collection of cuttings? |
| Answer | (3) |
| Question | (4) Is the Council still pursuing a desire for 'wild areas' and how is the determined so as to maintain a balance with usable space? |
| Answer | (4) |