

**Agenda Item 5 – Red Diesel**

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RED DIESEL**

Members had been previously alerted to the risk of a major increase in the cost of red diesel used by the Town Council for maintenance of its cemetery, open spaces and recreational areas. No response was yet forthcoming from the County Council or National Association of Local Councils on whether the increased tax on red diesel would be applicable to local councils. Members therefore considered making contingency arrangements to mitigate the effects of recent legislation if it is found that any of the Council's vehicles are not permitted to use red diesel. The Town Clerk recommended the acquisition of a new storage tank for white diesel (c. £900-£1,000) to help defray these potential costs if it were necessary to switch to white diesel for some vehicles.

**RESOLVED:** That Policy & Finance Committee be requested to authorise funds for the acquisition of a storage tank for white diesel in the sum of approximately £1,000, if this should prove necessary.