

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Graham Jones**

**Grass Cutting - I would like to know when the initial tenders were issued for the contract, how many bids there were and why the successful contractor was unable to continue with the contract which resulted in a re-tendering process. I would also like to know when the re-tendering process began, the number of bids received and the outcome.**

The Grounds Maintenance tender was issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 as an open process. 30 suppliers expressed interest in the tender and nine ultimately submitted bids against the various lots. With regard to the rural highway verges element of the contract, seven responses were received against at least one of the three lots.

A contract initiation meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 where the successful contractor for the rural highways lots advised that they had priced incorrectly and would need to double their bid. This was not acceptable on the basis that it affected the quality : price ranking of the suppliers' responses, and so the contract was then issued the next best ranked supplier for the particular lots the following week.