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| <b>Report; Christmas Trees</b><br><b>Submitted by Dave McAra (Economic Development Officer)</b>  |
| <b>Approval/Noting</b><br>For Approval.  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report</b><br>To provide the Council with a comparison of quotes from supplier of Christmas trees for the annual display in Belper Town Centre.  |
| <b>Background Information</b><br>The provision of Christmas trees from our current supplier has increased by 15%; consequently, to exercise due diligence, and to keep the costs to a minimum, the Clerk requested 2 additional quotes which have been obtained for comparison. For 2022, the Council requires 100 x 4ft Shop Front/Bracket trees, 1 x 25ft Display Tree for the Market Place, and 1 x 15ft Display Tree for Milford. These trees need to be grown locally, delivered, installed, and removed after Christmas. |
| <b>Legislation</b><br>N/A  |
| <b>Accessibility Implications</b><br>N/A   |
| <b>Climate Emergency Implications</b><br>All trees supplied should be obtained from sustainable sources and advice has been sought from the British Christmas Tree Growers Association (BCTGA) to ensure that we use an approved supplier. However, there is a shortage of local suppliers who are capable of growing, supplying, installing, and removing the trees in bulk; consequently, the choice is limited. As a rule of thumb, with transportation costs considered, the more local the supplier, the better.          |
| <b>Financial Implications</b><br>Mr D M Sturt, Carrwood Farm, Cromford – £4168 (incl VAT)<br><br>Mr Christmas Tree, Ockwood, Derby - £3564 (incl VAT)<br><br>Troway Hall Nursery, Sheffield - £3927 (incl VAT)   |
| <b>Recommendation</b><br>It is recommended that the Council awards the contract to Mr Christmas Tree.  |
| <b>Reasons for recommendation(s)</b><br>Mr Christmas Tree is the cheapest of the 3 quotes, the company is a local business that grows a sustainable product on their own plantations, and can supply to site, install the display trees, and remove the trees in the New Year.   |