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Subject: Item 12 - Recommendation to replace the picnic benches at Granton Playing Field.

Date: Monday 4th August 2025

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Purpose:

To review and evaluate three supplier quotes for the purchase of two recycled plastic picnic benches and recommend the best value-for-money option for council approval.

Background:

The Parish Council is seeking to install two durable, low-maintenance, eco-friendly picnic benches at Granton Playing Field. All considered products are made from 100% recycled plastic with minimal maintenance requirements and long warranties.

Benefits:

- **Environmental Sustainability:** All benches are made from 100% recycled plastic, contributing to waste reduction and eco-friendly initiatives.
- **Durability and Low Maintenance:** Recycled plastic is weather-resistant, requires no painting or sealing, and does not rot or splinter.
- **Long-Term Value:** Warranties of up to 25 years ensure cost-effectiveness over time.
- **Inclusivity and Accessibility:** Octagonal designs and generous seating capacity promote community use for group activities and public events.

Options:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Total Cost (Excl. VAT)</u>	<u>Lead Time</u>	<u>Warranty</u>	<u>Notes</u>
NBB Recycled Furniture	Octagonal Picnic Table	£1,361	3–4 days	25 years	Made in Britain, 2660 bottles recycled per table
Cost Cutters UK	Adult Outdoor Picnic Table	£1,462	6–8 weeks	20 years	Longest lead time
Marmax Recycled Products	Olympic Picnic Benches	£1,524	5–10 working days	25 years	Highest cost

Financial Implications:

- Estimated cost (excluding VAT): £1,361 - £1,524
- If approved, the purchase can be partially funded through the Council's existing **Granton Playground Maintenance budget (£1,250.00)** and/or supplemented by the **Village Improvements Reserves fund (£10,000.00)**.

Timeline:

Date	Action
4 August 2025	Council decision
5 August 2025	Order placed with chosen supplier
11–17 August 2025	Expected delivery and installation window

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parish Council **proceed with the supplier NBB Recycled Furniture** for the following reasons:

- **Lowest cost** at £1,361 (excl. VAT)
- **Fastest delivery time** (3–4 working days)
- Longest warranty (25 years)
- High recycled content and UK manufacturing