



## Clerk Report Insurance Renewal (May/June 2023)

### **Clerk Recommendation**

That NMPC determines the provider that they wish to use for 2023 based on the quotes circulated. Clerk has only obtained quotes from known providers who supply sector specific policies.

### **Background**

In 2020 NMPC negotiated a reduced premium (under long term agreement until 31st May 2023) with Came & Company (sector specific insurance broker that NMPC has been with for over 7 years.). This has now ended. I have spoken to AJG who now own Came & Co to see if I can negotiate the price down. The level of service and support from AJG has always been excellent when we have raised queries. They are no longer a broker and as a single market provider have no discretion to reconsider the premiums quoted.

I have approached the following 2 alternatives for quotes. They both offer sector-specific policies. They were provided with our current policy cover and conditions and our asset register.

BHIB

Zurich

The renewal documents have been circulated in advance to all councillors for comment.

The council has no obligation to choose the cheapest quote, however, do have an obligation to obtain 'best value' whilst ensuring that all insurable risks are adequately covered.

Whilst the quote from Zurich does offer a much cheaper price it is likely that this is a 'new customer premium' to gain business. From talking to colleagues, it appears that their existing Zurich policies have increased by up to 20% this year therefore we should bear in mind that this might be just a one-year saving.

NMPC will have to be mindful that if we change insurer then we will not be able to progress any claim in relation to the 'Welcome to Nash Mills' signage, although this may be difficult to claim anyway due to lack of evidence and there are sufficient funds on reserves to cover the replacement.

### **Statutory Requirements**

Public Liability Cover

Employers Liability Cover

Fidelity Cover

Fidelity cover was increased to £200,000.00 in 2021 and is sufficient to cover existing bank balances at the highest risk point during the year (when the precept is first received).

Assets Cover

### **Other Cover**

### **AJG Cover-broker (Hiscox policy)**

- Cllrs are now included under some cover rather than just employees.
- Key person cover is covered for 10 weeks; however, funds are also earmarked in reserves under business expenses and Ill Health Liability Insurance is in place should ill-health early retirement be necessary.
- New inclusion; Officials and trustees' indemnity. Entity reimbursement. We will pay on your behalf the loss which you are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an insured person arising from a covered claim or investigation.
- Radar cover requires activation to access some employer cover.
- See policy pack (circulated) for full cover details and exclusions.

New premium **£1000.96 (24% increase)**

**11/5/2023 I have now received a waiver of the admin fee of £50 resulting in this now being £950.96**

### **Zurich Cover**

Parish specific policy -like for like as close as possible to the terms and limits of the existing AJG policy.

- Experienced with over 25 years in the Local Council sector.
- Largest insurer of Public Services in the UK.
- Offer Feefo Platinum Trusted Service.
- Offer a dedicated Cert CII qualified team of Town and Parish Council insurance experts, and a named contact personally assigned to you.
- Respond to any query or request within 24 working hours.
- Do not charge any administration fees.
- Also offer a risk management service through our Local Community Advisory Service ([LCAS](#)).

### **Quote**

**£775.47 or £713.84 on a 3-year LTA (this is not a fixed price for 3 years but is an undertaking that we are tied to them to provide ins for us)**

*Please note that it is likely that this is a year 1 quote to win new business. Zurich has increased some parish policies by 20% this year upon renewal.*

### **BHIB Cover -broker (Aviva Policy)**

Parish specific policy-as near to our existing policy as possible.

BHIB Councils Insurance structure the insurance policy as a 'package' providing a set minimum level of cover depending on council population size. They do this to try and ensure that Councils have adequate cover and don't have to tell BHIB every time there is a change to a sum insured, as long as it is within the cover limit, saving time on administration.

- Contents
- Street Furniture
- Walls, Gates, and Fences
- Playground Equipment
- War Memorials
- Mowers and Machinery
- Sports Equipment

BHIB can increase our cover at any time beyond these minimum policy limits if they are not adequate for our Council's needs. It is quite normal to offer a package policy to ease the administration burden of the person arranging the Council's insurances.

#### Included Endorsements

- 30 - Tree Felling and Lopping Cover
- 31 - Fly Tipping Cover
- AMENDED - Amended Policy Introduction
- COVEX - General Exclusions - Coronavirus
- FF01 - Skatepark and BMX Track Endorsement
- GDPRCLP - Data Protection Act wording amendment (CLP)
- GDPRELPL - Data Protection Act wording amendment (EL/PL)
- IL001 - Index Linking
- SKATE - Skate Park Endorsement

**£801.94 or £754.70 on a 3-year LTU**

**or**

**£756.60 or £711.72 with Quality Council Award discount**

#### **Annual Budget and Financial Considerations**

Previous years cost £807.61 with AJG

Insurance budget 2023/24 £967.58

*Nikki Bugden*

*Clerk to the Council 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 (updated 11/5/2023)*