

THE SUPPLY OF SEASONAL BEDDING 2023 - GOSPORT

Gosport Borough Council invites quotations for the supply and delivery of seasonal bedding plants and hanging baskets for summer and winter/spring 2023.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The species and number plants, baskets and troughs are detailed in Appendix 1. – Summer 2023 Bill of Quantities and Appendix 2 – Spring 2023-24 Bill of Quantities spreadsheets with required delivery dates.

DELIVERY

The plants are to be delivered in bed order as specified by the client in Appendices 1 and 2 along with delivery dates per location on the Beds and Permanent Planters spreadsheet tabs.

Baskets and troughs are to be delivered at the same time as the plants required for permanent planters.

Delivery is to be made to the Council Depot Grange Farm, Little Woodham Lane Gosport PO13 8AB the location as shown on the plan below by the red spot.



PLANT SPECIFICATION.

The species, variety and colour of any plant to be supplied under this Contract must be strictly in accordance with the detailed Specification contained herein and must also comply with BS 3936-7 1989 Nursery stock, specification for Bedding Plants, or equivalent.

The species, variety and colour of all plants described in Appendix 1. – Summer 2023 Bill of Quantities and Appendix 2 – Spring 2023-24 Bill of Quantities are for guidance it is anticipated that suppliers will match the plant descriptions as closely as possible.

All plants must be true to type. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

All plants must be vigorous, healthy and free from pests and/or disease. Plants must be materially undamaged, uniform in size and with a well-developed and undamaged root system. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

Where appropriate, plants must be floriferous and/or of good foliage colour and must show no sign of forcing or stretching. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

The Supplier must particularly note that many plants will be planted in seafront garden areas which are prone to severe sea borne wind conditions. As such all plants must be fully acclimatised and well hardened off for outside planting in open ground. Plants must be grown in well ventilated production areas, without heat for at least ten days prior to dispatch unless unseasonal weather conditions prevail. All plants must be properly watered prior to dispatch and protected from drying out due to exposure to the wind or sun.

All trays must be labelled the species and variety of each plant along with bed location and number.

All plants must be grown in a peat free compost.

All plants must be supplied in a similar size container indicated within the document and where possible must be composed of robust, reusable, easily recyclable or biodegradable materials.

All plants must be fit for the purpose for which they are intended i.e. for outside planting with a reasonable expectation that they will grow true to habit with minimum losses.

QUOTATION PROCESS

Please direct any questions through the South East Business Portal, also known as Proactis.

Please return quotes through the South East Business Portal also known as Proactis using Appendices 1 and 2.

Quotes are to be returned by 28th October 2022.

EVALUATION

The supply will be awarded on best value price, provided the specification for the compost, plant trays, pots and packs offered meet the specification above.