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Cllr Adam Tinsley
Elected Member

Via email: adam.tinsley@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Tinsley

Question at Council – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for you're the question you raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 10th September. I have set out your question and my response below:

Last summer, grass cutting complaints were high, but this year dry weather limited growth. Why weren't teams redirected to other tasks, like hedge cutting, to ensure staff productivity and timely maintenance?

This year, grass cutting performance has significantly improved, thanks not only to favorable weather conditions but also to better management, upgraded machinery, and enhanced monitoring as a result of new investment.

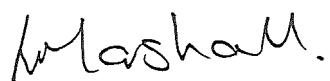
Our teams are responsible for over 40 different tasks during the summer season. Where resources allow, we have redirected staff to support other maintenance activities. Even in areas with limited grass growth, teams continue to visit sites for litter picking and other upkeep duties.

Hedge and shrub cutting during summer is restricted to essential health and safety interventions. This is to protect nesting birds, whose season can extend from March through autumn depending on the species.

From mid-October, as part of our winter works programme, we will begin more extensive hedge and shrub maintenance, alongside leaf clearance, grubbing, and weeding.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Lynda Marshall
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