

## Council

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### Addition to Appendix B

#### **22. From Louise Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services**

A standard 4 stroke leaf blower can emit 6.8 times more nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide and 13.5 times more CO2 than a Ford v8 pickup truck. Do the council's grounds maintenance contractors use petrol powered leaf blowers and if so would the council consider requiring them to use battery powered versions?

<https://www.challenge2025.eu/our-manifesto/emissions-impact/>

#### **Reply:**

Idverde, within the delivery of its fully commissioned service, already uses a range of hand-held EV equipment / assets. They do not use any 4-stroke petrol engine leaf blowers; however, I can confirm that they do use 2 stroke hand-held leaf blowers. As part of their commitment to working in partnership to achieve our net zero targets, each year they review their assets register and where possible, if any asset has reached the end of its natural life, then alternative EV options are considered.