

INSURANCE QUOTES FOR RENEWAL

Background

This is for all property of the Parish Council (excluding Van)

The 3 year contract with Zurich will finish on 31 May 2020. Current price **£4973**

Obtain a range of quotes to test market competitiveness and completeness/appropriateness of insurance cover

Methodology

Only approached companies that offered tailored Parish Council Insurance

The full current Policy schedule was issued to insurance companies to quote against, as a start point, and to ensure comparability.

For those in the right range, then understand the “sensitivity” in the quote.

Notes

Policies are split into 2 sections:

- Specific property cover – buildings / contents / equipment
- Core – this is standard across all policies covering the range of normal covers – public liability / employers liability etc

The majority of the cover is “packaged” and adjustments to cover levels have little difference on the quote. The main impact is level of Excess, long term deal.

Despite having a standard requirement each company will have a different business model, and attitude to spreading risks, hence the range of quotes provided.

We were over-insured on:

- Money – as we don't have cash (opted for the lowest amount as standard)
- Business Interruption – this is the loss of revenue from the Astro Turf – opted for lowest standard
- Fidelity – this covers money stolen from the PC. As we have no cash, tight financial controls and oversight, the option was for £150k as the most reasonable number.
- Public liability – the standard view was that £10m was more than enough (the highest claim being £2m)

Also we will be covered for the VH site playground cover that we should have had.

Who is Parish Protect?

<https://www.parishprotect.co.uk/>

“Parish Protect is managed by Business Services at CAS Ltd, a subsidiary of Community Action Suffolk a charity who support the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Sector (VCSE). We have been managing a Parish Council insurance scheme for over 20 years, which means the experienced team have an excellent understanding of the challenges faced by Councillors and Clerks.

The exclusive scheme is underwritten by Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Group, the policy is Insurance Act compliant and in plain English.”

Why are they so cheap?

The policy is highly tailored to Parish Councils. They recognise that PCs are very low risk organisations and they are not trying to defray risks from other insurance products through the premium. They understand the market

The majority of the premium cost covers the Property, and not the Core. For Zurich it is Core costs.

Recommendation

Parish Protect - £1000 excess – 1 year deal - £1598

We are unlikely to make an insurance claim if the loss was less than £1000.

There is little to be gained by a 3 year deal. This level of pricing has been consistent for some years – this is not an OFFER – we don’t need to lock it in. It gives us some flexibility.