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Hi Claire,

You will be aware that there is £5000 in the current precept to cover the cost of replacing the current espresso machine and coffee grinder in the Hub kitchen.

### **Justification Espresso Machine:**

The Hub cafe three group espresso machine is now 9 years old and was installed at the time that building was first opened. Coffee is the centre piece of the Hub cafe offering and it has established a fine reputation over the years.

The accepted life of semi automatic espresso machines is 7 to 10 years. The Hub machine is in need of replacement for the following reasons:

1. Age and reliability: The machine is currently requiring patch up work to maintain operations. In the coming year it is strongly recommended the espresso machine has a complete off site service that includes a boiler descale and pressure vessel re-certification at an estimated cost of about £1,000 + VAT. Having to do this will be difficult as well as expensive and will need to be scheduled during a non trading period.
2. Coffee is becoming noticeably variable in quality
3. The three group machine now in place has been found by experience to be unnecessary and the replacement unit being proposed is a two group model. The model preferred has features that allow it to operate at high volume so that queuing customers can be served in quick succession without any reduction in the machine performance.
4. The two group machine will use proportionately less electrical energy, an important factor in a world of increasing energy costs.

### **Justification Coffee Grinder:**

As with the espresso machine the fresh coffee grinder is also nine years old. It is of a non-sophisticated design that requires barista skills to ensure the correct quantity of ground coffee is measured out and used for each serving. It is proposed this machine is replaced with a modern unit that automatically measures the dispensed coffee quantity, speeding and standardising the barista process.

The preferred option quote for both items is from **Hessian Coffee** who also currently provide our coffee raw material. Their quote includes free training and support post installation.

I attach three quotes:

Silver Oak Coffee £4610.00 + VAT

Hessian Coffee £4,648.13 + VAT

Campervan Coffee £5,484.00 + VAT