



St Francis Fields CIC Sale of Cordwood from the Estate

CIC 24/11

To: Northiam Parish Council

Meeting Date: 13/06/24

Presented by: Jacky Broad, Director SFF CIC

Summary: The Council is asked to agree to the sale of cordwood arising from tree and hedgerow maintenance on the SFF estate.

Background: Some 9-10m³ of cordwood has arisen from tree and hedgerow maintenance on the estate and is currently stacked in approximately 1m lengths for seasoning. After seasoning and further cutting & splitting the wood is suitable for burning on domestic fires & log-burning stoves.

Detail: It is proposed to advertise the cordwood for sale 'buyer collects', either as a single or several lots at its current lengths (and thus not suitable for domestic use without further cutting & splitting). As cordwood it has an estimated value of £90m³ and a total value of perhaps £900-1,000.

Finance: The proceeds of the sale less an allowance for chainsaw and tractor fuel would pass to the Parish Council.

Key dates: Agreement at the June NPC meeting to allow the sale to proceed before next winter's heating season.

Other considerations: -