

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

**REPORT ON: SUPPLY OF VEHICLES 2013/14**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

**REPORT NO.: 116-2013**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek authority to purchase replacement vehicles as required by the Environment Department and Leisure and Culture Dundee Trust to maintain operational efficiency.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the purchase of the vehicles listed in Appendix 1, at a total cost of £152,159.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the overall cost of purchasing the vehicles of £152,159 can be met from allowances within the Vehicle Fleet Capital Plan for 2013/2014.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 4.1 A fleet asset management review of the 457 vehicles, 96 items of heavy plant and 900 pieces of light plant currently operated by the department has identified a number of which are now overdue for replacement. The vehicles and plant identified are either beyond economical repair or are reaching end of life and will incur excessive maintenance costs. The purchase of these replacement vehicles will ensure ongoing operational efficiency and reduce workshop maintenance time as well as helping lower the environmental impact of the fleet on the environment.
- 4.2 The vehicles required are to be purchased through the Tayside Procurement Consortium Grounds Maintenance and Small Plant framework which include environmental performance as part of the contract award criteria. Various procurement options are considered when looking at vehicle replacements including purchase, leasing and hire. It was determined that outright purchase was the preferred option for these vehicles taking into account whole life vehicle costs, the option to extend ownership beyond the scheduled life and the return costs associated with leasing.

4.3 Particular consideration was given to operational needs, specification, reliability, performance, operator compatibility, after sales service including spare parts provision, as well as user experience. All user divisions were fully consulted in the report process.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 The major issues identified are:-

- i) each prospective supplier has been assessed to ensure their business complies with the Race Relations Act 1975.
- ii) in each case all engines fitted meet or exceed legislative requirements regarding exhaust gas emissions and noise pollution.
- iii) each item will be subject to regular maintenance and testing throughout its operational life to ensure compliance with standards set.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services have been consulted in relation to this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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**Director of Environment**

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## APPENDIX 1

Vehicle Required	Supplier	Make	Model	Qty	Tender Price £	Framework
40-50HP Compact Utility Tractor	Double A Trading	John Deere	4720 4WD	1	£35,013	Grounds Maintenance & Small Plant Ref: TPC/GM and Small Plant/11/07 Mini Competition
65-70HP Compact Utility Tractor	Double A Trading	John Deere	5080M 4WD	1	£44,218	Grounds Maintenance & Small Plant Ref: TPC/GM and Small Plant/11/07 Mini Competition
110-115HP Agricultural Tractor	Agricar	New Holland	T6.120	1	£57,978	Grounds Maintenance & Small Plant Ref: TPC/GM and Small Plant/11/07 Mini Competition
Horticultural Leaf Collector	Double A Trading	Charterhouse	Turf-Tidy 3000	1	£14,950	Grounds Maintenance & Small Plant Ref: TPC/GM and Small Plant/11/07 Mini Competition
<b>TOTALS</b>					£152,159	