

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 24th AUGUST 2015
REPORT ON: SUPPLY OF PLANT & VEHICLES 2015/16
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
REPORT NO.: 291-2015

ITEM No ...4.....

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the purchase of vehicles as required by Dundee City Council to ensure ongoing operational efficiency and to support the delivery of front line services.

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 £268,551.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that the capital costs of £268,551 can be met from allowances within the Capital Budget – Vehicle Fleet – Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment for 2015/16.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 As part of the ongoing review of the council's plant and vehicle assets a number of items have been identified which are now due for replacement. The vehicles identified are replacing items that are either currently hired, identified for downsizing, beyond economical repair or are reaching end of life and will incur excessive maintenance costs. The purchase of the vehicles will improve on-going operational efficiency and reduce workshop maintenance time.
- 4.2 The vehicles in items 1 and 2 are to be introduced as part of an exercise to reduce the size, environmental impact and maintenance costs of our assets, where the new vehicles will replace older larger vehicles (i.e. 7 tonne vehicle being replaced by 3.5 tonne vehicle). This will result in reduction of costs to the council through less maintenance and downtime while reducing the overall environmental impact of the council's fleet.
- 4.3 The vehicles in item 3 are to replace minibuses coming to the end of their lease agreement. The minibuses have been examined and are not in suitable condition to be purchased for extended use, due to lack of maintenance. The minibuses are used on a daily basis to transport service users to and from the McKinnon Centre Respite Unit, as well as to take users on trips and are specially adapted for wheelchairs to meet the service users' needs. This method of procurement will result in savings to the user departments due to the high costs associated with adapting and leasing the vehicle for disabled access.
- 4.4 The various items are to be purchased through the appropriate framework as detailed within Appendix 1. Particular consideration was given to operational needs, environmental impact, specification, reliability, performance, operator compatibility,

after sales service including spare parts provision as well as user experience when selecting the appropriate equipment.

- 4.5 Various procurement options are considered when looking at replacements including purchase, leasing and hire. It was determined that outright purchase was the preferred option for these items taking into account whole life costs and the option to extend ownership beyond the scheduled life.

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 No major issues identified.

5.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

Capital Costs

	Vehicle Required	Supplier	Location	Make	Model	Emissions	Qty	Tender Price	Framework	
1	3.5 Tipper Van	AM .Philips	Forfar	Ford	Transit	Euro 6	4	£92,370	Scotland Excel Framework Supply & Delivery of Light Commercial Vehicles	
2	Utility Van	AM Philips	Forfar	Fiat	Doblo	133g/km	6	£69,000	Scotland Excel Framework Supply & Delivery of Light Commercial Vehicles	
3	Minibus	Clark Commercial	Dundee	VW	Crafter CR50	Euro 6	2	£107,181	Scotland Excel Framework Supply & Delivery of Light Commercial Vehicles	
	TOTALS								£268,551	

