

Executive Decision Report

Addition to Capital Programme for Fleet Vehicles

Decision to be taken by Deputy City Mayor Environment and
Transportation

Decision to be taken on: 12 October 2021

Lead Directors: Chris Burgin/Andrew L Smith



City Mayor

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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- Report version number: 1

1. Summary

- 1.1. The street lighting and festive decorations contract ended on the 31/03/2021. A procurement exercise was undertaken to replace the previous contractor. However, it was determined that the most cost-effective approach was to bring the maintenance of street lighting assets back in-house within the highways service.
- 1.2. Additional fleet vehicles are required for the highways service to be able to carry out these activities that were previously outsourced.
- 1.3. This report seeks approval for the addition of £508k to the corporate capital programme for the purchase of fleet vehicles, to be financed from prudential borrowing.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. This report recommends that £508k is added as an immediate start to the 2021/22 General Fund capital programme for Fleet Vehicles, financed from prudential borrowing.

3. Report

- 3.1. The in-house service (City Lighting) was established on the 1st April 2021. Temporary vehicles have been sourced, pending approval to procure new fleet vehicles.

- 3.2. Vehicles Required:

Vehicle	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Mobile workshop Van with Elevating Work Platform up to 14m (GVW 3.5T)	1	£130,000	£130,000
Mobile workshop Van with Elevating Work Platform up to 14m (GVW 7.5T)	1	£130,000	£130,000
18 T HGV Drop-side Lorry with Hydraulic Crane	1	£120,000	£120,000
7.5 T Drop-side Lorry with Hydraulic Crane	1	£75,000	£75,000
Van (GVW 1.5T)	2	£13,000	£26,000
Forklift - counterbalance	1	£27,000	£27,000
			£508,000

- 3.3. Finance from prudential borrowing, in line with existing Fleet purchases, with the existing lighting maintenance revenue budget being used for repayments.
- 3.4. Discussions regarding the specific vehicles that can be procured as an electric or low emission vehicle have taken place. It has been identified that the vans (GVW 1.5T) and

the counterbalance forklift can and will be specified to be an electric vehicle. The other vehicles all require hydraulic cranes/platforms which are not currently able to be powered by electric, or other low emission motors. The tender for these vehicles will specify that they should all meet the Euro 6.2 standard.

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1. Financial implications

As outlined in the report the vehicle purchase will be financed by prudential borrowing, in line with other vehicle purchases. Existing revenue budgets are available to support the repayments.

Stuart McAvoy – Principal Accountant

4.2. Legal implications

The Authority should in purchasing fleet, ensure that it is safe and compliant with transport legislation and is procured in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and in line with the Authority's internal contract procedure rules.

Mannah Begum, Principal Solicitor (Commercial) Ext. 37 1423

4.3. Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Fleet vehicles are a significant contributor to the council's carbon footprint. Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency and ambition to reach carbon neutrality by 2030, tackling emissions from this area is vital. As such, any procurement of new vehicles should consider opportunities to use low or zero emissions vehicles, in line with the council's Sustainable Procurement Guidance for Vehicles. This guidance includes a requirement to procure vehicles meeting the Euro 6 standard and to use electric vehicles where suitable models are available or otherwise reduce emissions through the procurement exercise, as well as specific guidance for non-road mobile machinery such as forklifts.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

4.4. Equalities Implications

There are no direct equality implications arising from the report.

Surinder Singh, Equalities officer, ext. 37 4148

5. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

6. Is this a "key decision"?

No