

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10th NOVEMBER 2004

CLEANSING – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the vehicle replacement requirements of the Cleansing D.S.O. in financial year 2005/2006 seeking approval for the acquisition of one refuse collection vehicle, two mechanical sweepers and two pick-ups.
- 1.2 The report is presented at this time to enable the European Community Procurement process to be initiated with a view to programming the arrival of the vehicles as required. The procurement process can take up to ten months.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Cleansing vehicle fleet consists of a wide range of vehicle types and sizes. Many of the vehicles are of an extremely specialised nature. The vehicle replacements, shown as Appendix 1 to this report, gives an indication of the type of vehicles, the relative ages and the projected replacement date. Some vehicles may be retained beyond the stated replacement date if the Operations Manager deems that the condition of the vehicle merits an extension. In such cases a saving is enjoyed in the lease cost for the extended period. It must be borne in mind however that when the vehicle is ultimately replaced the lease cost will rise significantly.
- 2.2 Refuse Collection vehicle S970 LKV has a lease value of £21,000 P/A terminating in December 2005. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in December 2005 at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.3 The 13.5 tonne Street Sweeping vehicle R967 WSD has a lease value of £12,000 terminating in August 2005. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in August 2005 at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.4 The 3.5 tonne Street Sweeping vehicle R428 VSJ has a lease value of £8,000 terminating in June 2005. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in June 2005 at the conclusion of the lease.

- 2.5 The two 3.5 tonne pick-ups X896 JCS and X894 JCS have a total lease value of £7,000 terminating in September 2005. It is proposed to replace these vehicles in September 2005 at the conclusion of the lease.

3. MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The replacement of the above old and deteriorating vehicles sustains the quality of the Cleansing fleet maintaining and improving its efficiency and capacity in the light of the continuing demands of the service and in the pursuit of Best Value.
- 3.2 The Cleansing fleet was in very poor condition at reorganisation, it has now reached a sustainable standard with an optimum life cycle for large cleansing vehicles of seven years and five years for vans and pick-ups. These life cycles are projected and incorporated in the amended vehicle replacements programme featuring all Cleansing vehicles. The replacement programme is an aid towards effective financial planning and budgeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The detailed financial implications of the acquisitions of the above vehicles will be presented at budget setting in the context of the Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing D.S.O. estimates for 2005/2006. There is no obligation placed on the Council to conclude any procurement process initiated at this time which is later abandoned, adjusted or changed at budget setting. It is hoped that the additional costs are containable within the existing global Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing budgets as projected for 2005/2006.

5. VEHICLES PROPOSED FOR REPLACEMENT

5.1

REGISTRATION NO.	EXISTING VEHICLE	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE	ANNUAL LEASE COST ESTIMATE
S970 LKV	26 tonne R.C.V.	26 tonne R.C.V	£21,000
R967 WSD	13.5 tonne sweeper	13.5 tonne sweeper	£14,000
R428 VSJ	3.5 tonne sweeper	3.5 tonne sweeper	£8,000
X896 JCS	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£4,500
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5.2 Vehicles S970 LKV and X896 JCS and employed in the Refuse Collection service and R967 WSD, R428 VSJ, and X894 JCS are employed in the Street Cleansing service.

6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 European Union Procurement Legislation requires to be complied with.

6.2 The proposals are also in line with the Community Plan and in particular Improving the Environment through reduced exhaust emissions.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) approve the acquisition subject to appropriate budget provision having been made of one Refuse Collection vehicle estimated at a capital cost of £123,000, two 3.5 tonne pick-ups at £40,000 and two Street Sweeping vehicles at £140,000; and
- (ii) remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to request the Executive Head of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases for the above in due course.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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