

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2001

#### REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

##### Report by Director of Community Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from Committee for the lease of the various vehicles/equipment, within the Dean Castle Country Park, Parks DSO and Library, Registration and Information Services and to declare vehicles surplus to requirements.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The tractor at D.C.C.P. requires to be replaced due to Health and Safety reasons and also to the fact that the tractor has now been in service for over 20 years. It is therefore uneconomical to continue repairing this tractor.
- 2.2 All vehicles and equipment requiring replacement in the D.S.O have already had the existing leases extended. Repair costs have escalated and are having a detrimental effect on the sections budget.
- 2.3 Mobile Library, Registration Number L183 WSJ which serves the north area is 7 years old and has become very unreliable, with an increasing amount of “down time while being repaired”.
- 2.4 The following vehicles and equipment now need to be leased:-

##### Dean Castle Country Park

- a) 180 h.p Four Wheel Drive Tractor

##### Parks DSO

- a) 2 x Crew Cab Tippers  
b) 2 x Citroen Vans  
c) 2 x Jacobson Golf Fairways Mowers  
d) 2 x Toro Golf Green Machines  
e) 1 x Transit Tipper

##### Library Registration and information Services

- a) 1 x Mobile Library

- 2.5 The mobile library Registration L183 WSJ will become surplus to requirements when a replacement is constructed.

### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 All vehicles and equipment in both DCCP and the Parks DSO require to be replaced as soon as possible, so as to ensure the integrity and delivery of the services, along with addressing of the relevant Health and Safety issues.
- 3.2 The lack of reliability is generating public dissatisfaction with the service the mobile library provides. Library, Registration and Information Services has been advised by the council fleet inspector to consider replacement of the vehicle.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The capital costs for the tractor for DCCP is £25,380. This represents an annual cost of £6,312.26 per year over a 3 year period. This cost will be met from existing budgets.
- 4.2 It is estimated that the replacement of the Parks DSO vehicles/equipment shall incur a capital cost of £168,000. It is however proposed that all vehicles/equipment be leased over agreed periods. All leased costs can be met from existing budgets.
- 4.3 It is estimated that the replacement of the mobile library will incur a capital cost of £80,000. It is proposed that the vehicle is leased, with costs met from existing budgets.

### **5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 European Procurement Laws require to be followed.

### **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 The new vehicles/equipment will provide more reliable, safer working environments for staff and allow each section to meet its commitments.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 It is recommend that the Committee:-
- (i) approve the acquisition of replacement vehicles and equipment as described in this report;

- (ii) instruct the Director of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
Nil

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**AGENDA**