

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2001

CLEANSING – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Report by Director of Community 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 2002/2003 seeking approval for the acquisition of three refuse collection vehicles, one skip vehicle, one recycling vehicle, one mechanical sweeper 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 replacement programme shown as Appendix 1 in this report gives an indication of the type of vehicle, 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 M915 LDU is currently leased and this is due to terminate in April 2002. It is proposed to replace this vehicle at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.3 Refuse Collection vehicles N948 TOV and N949 TOV are also leased and this is due to terminate in September 2002. It is also proposed to replace these vehicles at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.4 Skip vehicle M286 CNS is currently on an extended lease. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in August 2002 at the conclusion of the extended lease.
- 2.5 Recycling Vehicle E212 WAM was a outright purchase using surplus funds from the former Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council. The vehicle, which is in a deteriorating condition, should be replaced in April 2002 when it will be fourteen and a half years old. The replacement of this vehicle is essential in implementing and achieving recycling targets as defined by the Landfill Directive.
- 2.6 The 13.5 tonne street sweeping vehicle L186 CPA is currently on an extended lease. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in September 2002 at the conclusion of the extended lease.

2.7 The two 3.5 tonne pick-ups N239 GSJ and N241 GSJ were capital acquisition of the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council. The capital debt associated with these vehicles is cleared. The vehicles which are in a deteriorating condition should be replaced in April 2002

3. MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The replacement of the above old and deteriorating vehicles represents a further upgrading of the quality of the Cleansing fleet significantly 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 and continues to progress towards 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 included in the development of the Business Plan of the Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing D.S.O. for 2002/2003. 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.

5. VEHICLES PROPOSED FOR REPLACEMENT

5.1	REGISTRATION NO.	EXISTING VEHICLE	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE	ANNUAL LEASE COST ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED CAPITAL COST
	M915 LDU	26 tonne R.C.V.	26 tonne R.C.V	£19,000	£112,000
	N948 TOV	21 tonne R.C.V.	21 tonne R.C.V.	£19,000	£112,000
	N949 TOV	21 tonne R.C.V.	21 tonne R.C.V.	£19,000	£112,000
	M286 CNS	17 tonne Skip Luger	17 tonne Skip Luger	£8,000	£60,000
	E212 WAM	13 tonne Recycling Vehicle	17 tonne recycling vehicle	£10,000 (10 year lease)	£90,000
	L186 CPA	12.5 tonne Sweeper	12.5 tonne Sweeper	£14,000	£80,000
	N239 GSJ	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£3,500	£16,000
	N241 GSJ	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£3,500	£16,000
	8 VEHICLES		TOTAL	£96,000	£598,000

5.2 Vehicle M915 LDU, N948 TOV, N949 TOV, M286 CNS and E212 WAM are employed in the Refuse Collection service, vehicle L186 CPA, N239 GSJ and N241 GSJ are employed in the Street Cleansing service.

6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 European Union Procurement Legislation requires to be complied with.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) approve the acquisition subject to appropriate budget provision having been made, of three Refuse Collection vehicles estimated at a capital cost of £336,000, on skip vehicle at £60,000, one recycling vehicle at £90,000, two 3.5 tonne pick-ups at £32,000, and one Street sweeping vehicle at £80,000; and
- (ii) instruct the Director 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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AGENDA