

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 2 APRIL 2003

CLEANSING – REPLACEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN SWEEPING MACHINES WITH RIDE-ON FACILITY

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee that the existing eight Applied sweepers acquired in September 1999 will be four years old in September 2003 and that the maintenance contract and operating lease based on a period of four years will terminate at that time.
- 1.2 To seek approval for the replacement of this equipment by due process according to European Community rules.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A number of sweeping machines on widely varying lease/maintenance arrangements operated by our predecessor Authorities were disposed of in 1999 when the existing consolidated leasing and contract maintenance agreements were effectively harmonised. The machines which are highly specialised are maintained on a contract basis by the manufacturer.

3. MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The requirements of the Environmental Protection Act in respect of the litter code emphasises the need for the replacement of such machines with similar technically advanced and highly productive units.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The ongoing lease cost, ongoing maintenance and ongoing operating cost of eight similar machines is contained within the approved budget for 2003/04.
- 4.2 There are no additional financial burdens likely to arise from this replacement.
- 4.3 The acquisition of this replacement is consistent with the approved Vehicle Replacement Programme and the Cleansing D.S.O. Business Plan as approved.

5. MACHINES PROPOSED FOR REPLACEMENT

- 5.1 Three ride-on Applied sweepers based at Cumnock to be replaced by three similar vehicles.

- 5.2 Five ride-on Applied sweepers based at Kilmarnock to be replaced by five similar vehicles.
- 5.3 The annual operating lease cost over a period of four years based on a capital value of £105,000 is estimated at £25,000 per annum.
- 5.4 The contract maintenance cost based on a term of four years is estimated at £30,000 per annum.

6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 European Union procurement legislation is required to be complied with.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee: -
- (i) approve the acquisition of eight Applied ride-on (or equivalent) sweeping machines;
 - (ii) approve a contract maintenance agreement with the supplier over a four year period; and
 - (iii) instruct the Director of Finance to secure an appropriate operating lease over a term of four years.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Cleansing D.S.O. approved Business Plan for 2003/2004.

Any person wishing to inspect the above background paper should telephone 01563 576111 and speak to John Crawford, Head of Protective Services.

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