

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 5TH FEBRUARY 2004

OUTDOOR AMENITIES – EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE LEASES AND HIRES

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to lease essential equipment and vehicles for the operations of the Outdoor Amenities Section.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Outdoor Amenities Section has, after consultation with colleagues in the Transport Section and employees, developed a programme of vehicle and machinery replacement.
- 2.2 The section requires to replace 2 x Berlingo vans, 3 x LDV 3.5 ton Pick Ups and 8 pedestrian mowers which are coming to the end of a 3 year lease having been operational in the Outdoor Amenities section for this period.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The vehicles and machinery which require to be replaced or to have a new lease started as part of the renewal programme are:
- (i) SP51 MVE. 3.5 Ton LDV Pick up Chassis cab Tipper or similar; (South)
 - (ii) SP51 MVD. 3.5 Ton LDV Pick up Chassis cab Tipper or similar; (North).
 - (iii) SF51 MVG. 3.5Ton LDV Pickup Chassis cab Tipper or Similar: (South)
 - (iv) Y876 FSF Citroen Berlingo. (North)
 - (v) Y902 FSF Citroen Berlingo. (Cemeteries South)
 - (vi) 8 Pedestrian Mowers. (South).

3.2 The vehicles are used for grounds and cemeteries duties in the north and south of the area. The pedestrian mowers are used in the south of the area.

3.3 The service requirements can be summarised as follows:-

	Registration No	Existing Vehicle/Equipment	Replacement Vehicle	Approx Annual lease/hire costs	Period of lease/hire
A	SF51 MVE	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper, or similar	£4680.00	3 Years
B	SF51MVD	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper, or similar	£4680.00	3 Years
C	SF51MVG	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper	LDV 3.5ton Chassis pick up tipper, or similar	£4680.00	3 Years
D	Y876 FSF	Citroen Berlingo	Citroen Berlingo, or similar	£2210.00	3 Years
E	Y902 FSF	Citroen Berlingo	Citroen Berlingo, or similar	£2210.00	3 Years
F	N/A	8X Scag Pedestrian mowers	8X Scag Pedestrian mowers, or similar	£7800.00	3 Years

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The costs for all lease and hires can be met from existing budgets.

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 European Union Procurement legislation requires to be complied with in obtaining these vehicles and items of equipment. This process needs to commence in February so all the vehicles and equipment to be in place in September.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The identified vehicles and equipment require replacement to ensure that service quality levels are maintained. Procurement options have been examined and lease arrangements proposed in this report represent the most cost effective options. The proposals also derive maximum benefits from manufacturer's warranties.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that the committee:-
- (i) approve the lease and hire of the above vehicles and equipment;
 - (ii) instruct the Director of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases for the above where required; and
 - (iii) otherwise note this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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