

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13th NOVEMBER 2002

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 2003/2004 seeking approval for the acquisition of two refuse collection vehicles, one mechanical sweeper and four 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 in 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 vehicles P382 DAW and P383 DAW have a total lease value of £34,000 P/A terminating in December 2003. It is proposed to replace these vehicles in December 2003 at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.3 The four 3.5 tonne pick-ups T853 JGA, T854 JGA, T855 JGA and T856 JGA have a total lease value of £11,600 terminating in March 2004. It is proposed to replace these vehicles in March 2004 at the conclusion of the lease.
- 2.4 The 13.5 tonne Street Sweeping vehicle M393 HDS is currently an extended and written down lease at a value of £7,125. It is proposed to replace this vehicle in July 2003 at the conclusion of the lease.

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, 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 2003/2004 and in the business plan. 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 anticipated that the additional costs are containable within the existing global Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing budgets.

5. VEHICLES PROPOSED FOR REPLACEMENT

- 5.1

REGISTRATION NO.	EXISTING VEHICLE	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE	ANNUAL LEASE COST ESTIMATE
P382 DAW	26 tonne R.C.V.	26 tonne R.C.V	£19,000
P383 DAW	26 tonne R.C.V.	26 tonne R.C.V.	£19,000
M393 HDS	13.5 tonne sweeper	13.5 tonne sweeper	£14,000
T853 JGA	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£4,000
T854 JGA	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£4,000
T855 JGA	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£4,000
T856 JGA	3.5 tonne pick-up	3.5 tonne pick-up	£4,000
7 VEHICLES		TOTAL	£68,000

5.2 Vehicles P382 DAW, P383 DAW, T853 JGA, T854 JGA, T855 JGA and T856 JGA are employed in the Refuse Collection service and M393 HDS is 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 two Refuse Collection vehicles estimated at a capital cost of £230,000, four 3.5 tonne pick-ups at £76,000 and one Street Sweeping vehicle at £82,000; 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