

FORM 1

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

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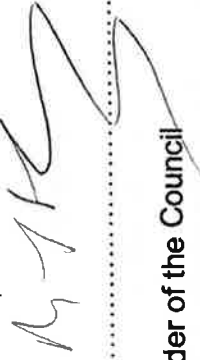
I, Cllr Marcus Hart, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision to award the contract to the successful tenderer following the procurement exercise to seek the replacement of three refuse vehicles as outlined in the Medium Term Financial Strategy Capital Programme 2014/17.

Cabinet Member for Operational Services

Dated:

21.10.14.

Signed:



Leader of the Council

FORM 2

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
<p>In line with the fleet replacement schedule and capital monies set aside within the programme, permission is sought to progress the replacement of 3 (three) Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV) during the 2014/15 financial period.</p>	<p>That officers be given delegated authority to award the contract to the successful tenderer following the procurement exercise to seek the replacement of 3 RCV.</p>	<p>To progress replacement schedule and allocate capital sum outlined in the MTFS capital programme.</p>	<p>22/10/14</p>

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 21/10/2014
 Signed: H.E. Dyke
 Councillor: Dyke

To: Cabinet Member for Operational Services

From: Director of Community Well-Being & Environment

Date: 14 October 2014

Title of Report: Refurbishment of Refuse Collection Vehicles

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 In line with the fleet replacement schedule and capital monies set aside within the programme, permission is sought to progress the replacement of 3 (three) Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV) during the 2014/15 financial period.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That officers be given delegated authority to award the contract to the successful tenderer following the procurement exercise to seek the replacement of 3 RCV as outlined above.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the Council's Waste Management Service the Depot Team operates a number of Waste Collection Vehicles (RCV). This includes a range of vehicles specifically sized to enable the team to undertake the waste collections for 50,000 properties distributed across the District's varied geographical landscape.
- 3.2 It is important that the RCV fleet has the ability to do the job and getting this blend of RCV correct is a balance of capacity over access. In the past few years the team have been careful to ensure that the correct sized RCV has been acquired for the fleet at the scheduled replacement time.
- 3.3 The manner in which RCV's have been replaced in the past has been on a like for like basis via the Capital Renewals Programme upon a straight seven (7) years useful life plan. This is the industry standard and reflects in the main the wear and tear to the vehicle cab, body and bin lifts. Whilst it is recognised that these elements are beyond their useful life, the vehicle engine and chassis still maintain operational capacity and value.
- 3.4 In recognition of this and the difficult trading conditions experienced by suppliers and manufacturers in recent years we have seen the industry respond with various options around RCV rebuilds and in particular total vehicle refurbishment. Research has identified that the main vehicle

manufacturers such as Dennis Eagle have now entered the market and this, together with our fleet at the optimum balance in terms of operational requirements, means that moving forward the option to refurbish our "spent" RCV's around the existing chassis and engine provides a realistic and cost saving option.

- 3.5 Therefore our revised methodology of replacement will be to move away from "old to new" towards a more cost effective Refurbishment scheme.
- 3.6 This vehicle refurbishment scheme will provide the following features while utilising the existing engine and chassis for each RCV undertaken:
- Refurbished Cab
 - Refurbished Body – 1 year warranty
 - New Electronic Bin Lifting Equipment – 3 year warranty
 - 2 year structural warranty
 - The potential to extend to its useful life for a further 7 years
- 3.7 The scheme in essence has the ability to provide a robust two-phased approach for RCV replacement while retaining the existing seven year useful lifespan. In total the programme will operate over a fourteen year (14yr) period with refurbishment at year 7 and replacement at year 14, but at a significant cost saving.
- 3.8 The RCV replacement schedule for 2014/15 provides for 3no RCV to be refurbished under the schedule. Within the capital programme a sum of £95,000 is available for the refurbishment of each vehicle.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Following on from a Cabinet Briefing Paper on RCV refurbishment, issued on the 13th August 2014, this Strong Leader Report seeks to progress the task for the refurbishment of this current batch of 3 vehicles. This strategy is reflected in the 2014/15 budget, and allows the Council to realise a capital savings of. £165,000 against the like for like replacement option.
- 4.2 Each vehicle is estimated to cost £95,000 and this budget is within the approved Capital Programme on the Vehicles Equipment and Renewals Schedule. The total cost for the 3 vehicles is £285,000.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The District Council has a legal duty for the collection and management of waste across the District. This duty is undertaken within the role of the District Council fulfilling its remit as a Waste Collection Authority in tandem with Worcestershire County Council acting as the Waste Disposal Authority. The Herefordshire & Worcestershire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy outlines the principals and protocol arrangements that we have in place for waste across both the district and operating region.

- 6.2 The Procurement process involves a mini tender exercise within a Crown Commercial Services compliant contract – (RM956) –Vehicle Conversion and Reconditioning Services.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 To continue with the vehicle renewals schedule as contained within the capital programme, with replacement as per a refurbishment scheme which is considered more prudent.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 It is vital that the front line waste management service has an operational fleet of collection vehicles that are fit for purpose. The effective collection of waste relies heavily on the fleet of RVC which undertakes some 50,000 from individual properties every week involving over 35,000 tonnes of waste per year.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Not required.

10. CONSULTEES

- Finance
- Legal
- Procurement

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Capital Programme
- Vehicle Renewals Schedule