

<p>Vehicle Replacement Programme Purchase of 11No. Replacement Refuse Freighters</p>

Cabinet	18th June 2020
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Portfolio Holder	Cllr Albon - Cabinet Member for Operational Services
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	Yes
Reasons for Key	Expenditure exceeding virement rules
Previously Considered by	N/A
Ward:	N/A

Executive Summary:

The 2020/21 capital programme includes provision for the replacement of a substantial proportion of the council's refuse vehicle fleet. In accordance with section 13.03b of the constitution, this report seeks approval of a key decision to commit £2.2m of the budget allocation for the purchase of 11No. 26 tonne freighters.

Recommendation(s):

1. It is recommended that Cabinet approve Option 1 of this report to commit £2.2m from this year's approved capital programme budget on the purchase of 11No. refuse freighters.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

<p>Financial and Value for Money</p>	<p>The 2020/21 capital programme includes a budget of £2.9m for vehicle replacement. This report requests approval of a key decision to spend £2.2m on 11No. 26 tonne refuse freighters.</p> <p>The new vehicles will be supplied by Dennis Eagle Ltd via the North East Procurement Organisation - HGV & Specialist Vehicles Procurement Framework. TDC is a member of The Procurement Partnership Ltd. (and therefore entitled to purchase vehicles under this Framework).</p>
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Legal	This procurement will be undertaken via an approved framework agreement which the council is entitled to use. The framework call off includes warranty requirements and timescales for delivery of vehicles. No specific legal issues have been identified.						
Corporate	<p>The council operates an in-house waste and recycling service. A comprehensive vehicle replacement programme is necessary in order for the council to meet statutory obligations in terms of the collection of household waste as required by the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p> <p>The council's vehicles have a finite life beyond which it is uneconomical to continue to maintain and operate them. In accordance with section 13.03b of the constitution, this report seeks approval of a key decision to commit £2.2m of the 2020/21 budget allocation for the purchase of 11No. 26 tonne freighters.</p>						
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1272 1385 1641"> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="427 1272 1385 1312">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1317 1034 1424">Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td data-bbox="1042 1317 1385 1641" rowspan="3">Due to the limited relevance to the PSED it is not possible to further this aim of the duty. However, the proposal is non-discriminatory and does not contravene equality legislation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1429 1034 1536">Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1541 1034 1641">Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The proposal has limited relevance to the duty in respect of the protected characteristics and no impacts have been identified. However, should any issues arise as a direct result of this proposal in the future, they will be assessed accordingly.</p> <p>It is the officer's assessment that the duty is not engaged by this proposal and no impacts have been identified. It is therefore proposed to seek Cabinet's approval of Option 1 as listed below.</p>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	Due to the limited relevance to the PSED it is not possible to further this aim of the duty. However, the proposal is non-discriminatory and does not contravene equality legislation.	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓	
Growth	
Environment	✓
Communities	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The council runs an in house waste and recycling service and operates a large fleet of refuse vehicles of various types and sizes. A vehicle replacement budget appears annually in the capital programme for the replacement of vehicles when they reach an age beyond which they are uneconomical to maintain.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 This report seeks Cabinet's approval to spend £2.2m of the 2021/22 allocated budget of £2.9m on the purchase of 11No. new 26 tonne refuse freighters to replace existing vehicles in the council's fleet that have reached the end of their useful life.

2.2 The new vehicles will be supplied by Dennis Eagle Ltd via the North East Procurement Organisation - HGV & Specialist Vehicles Procurement Framework. TDC is a member of The Procurement Partnership Ltd. (and therefore entitled to purchase vehicles under this Framework).

3.0 Options

3.1 Option 1 - Approve the key decision to spend £2.2m of this year's approved capital programme budget on the purchase of 11No. refuse freighters.

3.2 Option 2 - Do not approve this key decision. Note this would ultimately leave the council unable to fulfil statutory obligations with regard to household waste collections.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial & Procurement Services
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