

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

15TH MARCH 2012

SUBJECT:	VEHICLE PROCUREMENT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR SHEILA CLARKE
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides information regarding the potential purchase of 11 vehicles for the Council and an update on the provision of a vehicle to Wirral Food Bank. The vehicles will be purchased through the Council's procurement system to ensure value for money. It is proposed that the vehicles will be purchased from a capital fund for vehicle purchase held by the Integrated Transport Unit.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) supports the provision and maintenance of vehicles for the council. For an effective and efficient operation vehicles are cyclically replaced. Replacement vehicles are funded from a reserve held by the ITU for this purpose or through alternative financing arrangements.

2.2 Vehicle requirement for Community Patrol is:

- 1 x Long Wheel Base van
- 3 x small vans
- 3 medium size cars

Vehicle requirement for Pest Control is:

- 3 small vans
- 1 Medium Wheelbase van

2.3 The council's procurement system will be utilised for the procurement of these vehicles. Generic specifications for the required vehicle types will be provided for procurement and requirements for fuel efficiency, availability of parts and appropriate delivery times will be included in the procurement process.

2.4 The capital funding held by the ITU available is £160,000.

2.5 On purchase vehicles are maintained by the ITU and Departments charged accordingly.

2.6 The Council has provided Wirral Foodbank with a transit van to support them to provide emergency food to Wirral residents in crisis. The van was loaned to the Foodbank in mid November 2011 at no charge to the organisation and the vehicle will be maintained by the Council. A service level agreement is in place between Wirral Council and Wirral Foodbank to ensure that the vehicle is correctly taxed and insured and that repairs and maintenance are addressed appropriately.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 None related to this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Not to replace the vehicles.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Not relevant.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 None arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 There are sufficient resources to fund the purchase of these vehicles from a reserve held by the ITU totalling £160,000. Maintenance and operating costs will be met through existing budgets.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising from this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The specifications for the vehicles will contain reference to fuel efficiency.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

12.1 Cabinet agrees to the inclusion of £160,000 within the CYPD capital programme for the purchase of the required vehicle replacements for community patrol and pest control.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 To replace vehicles evaluated to require replacement.

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APPENDICES

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date