

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

CABINET

21 JULY, 2011

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR

RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO LEADER: HOUSING

PURCHASE OF HOUSING SERVICE VEHICLES

KEY DECISION –NO

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To establish a budget as part of the 2011-12 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for the purchase of replacement vehicles to deliver the housing maintenance service.
- 1.2 To obtain scheme approval and permission to spend for the purchase of the replacement vehicles.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That a budget of £172,000 for the replacement of housing service vehicles is established as part of the 2011-12 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme funded from the virement of existing resources through a Revenue contribution to capital.
- 2.2 That scheme approval and permission to spend in relation to the purchase of the vehicles is agreed.

3. Summary (inc. brief overview of relevant background history)

- 3.1 The Housing Division has a fleet of 33 vehicles to assist in the delivery of housing maintenance and estate caretaking services.
- 3.2 Seven of these vehicles were purchased between 2000 and 2005 and as a result of their age and condition suffer from breakdowns and high maintenance and running costs. It is therefore, considered necessary to replace these vehicles.

4. Key Issues and Implications

- 4.1 It is proposed to procure seven new vehicles during 2011-12 comprising:-
 - (a) five large vans
 - (b) one light tipper truck
 - (c) one heavy tipper truck
- 4.2 The estimated cost of these replacement vehicles is £172,000.

- 4.3 Whilst there is an annual provision of £22,490 for the financing costs of the seven replacement vehicles in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) a budget for their purchase will need to be established as part of the 2011-12 HRA Capital Programme. This would be resourced from an additional Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay.

5. Conclusion(s) and Reason(s) for the Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 There is a need to replace seven vehicles used in the delivery of the housing maintenance service.
- 5.2 It is proposed to replace these during 2011-12 and this report seeks to establish a budget within the 2011-12 HRA Capital Programme and obtain scheme approval and permission to spend.

6. Other Options Considered

- 6.1 A review of the Housing Division vehicle fleet has been undertaken to ascertain the appropriate mix of vehicles.

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SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Section 1

Contribution to Council Priorities

The replacement housing service vehicles will assist in the delivery of the housing maintenance service which contributes to the service aim of maintaining the Council's housing stock to the decent homes standard as set out in the agreed 2011-12 "Place" Priority Delivery Plan.

Section 2

Contribution to Promoting Community Engagement

There is not identified implications for community engagement.

Section 3

Financial Implications

The cost of the seven replacement vehicles is estimated to be £172,000 and a budget will need to be included in the 2011-12 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme.

There is currently an annual provision of £22,490 allocated for financing costs within the Housing Revenue Account and an additional Revenue Contribution to Capital will be required to resource the capital programme budget funded from the virement of existing resources.

Section 4

Legal Implications

The estimated cost of the replacement vehicles exceeds the threshold value as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, as amended.

In consequence the replacement vehicles must be procured by adopting an EU procurement complaint method. EU compliance will be achieved by either the Council pursuing its own procurement exercise or utilising an established framework arrangement, as adopted during previous procurement of vehicles.

Section 5

Human Resource Implications

There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

Section 6

Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

There are no identified Section 17 (Crime Prevention) implications arising from this report.

Section 7

Human Rights Act Implications

There are no identified implications in respect of the Human Rights Act, 1988 arising from this report.

Section 8

Data Protection Act Implications

There are no identified implications in respect of the Data Protection Act arising from this report.

Section 9

Risk Management Implications

There are a number of risks associated with an aged vehicle which would be mitigated through the replacement vehicles.

Section 10

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no identified equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Section 11

List of Background Papers

Procurement of Housing Service Vehicles	Council	27 June, 2007
Purchase of Housing Service Vehicles	Cabinet	23 August, 2007

Section 12

Report History

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