



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure Management

Cabinet – 19 September 2019

### Financial Procedure Report Rule 7 – Highways and Transportation Vehicle Replacement Capital Programme 2019/20

<b>Purpose:</b>	To seek approval for capital expenditure on the proposed vehicle replacement programme for Highways and Transportation for 2019/20
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	The Revenue and Capital Budget as reported and approved by Council on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) the Highways and Transportation Vehicle Replacement Capital Programme for 2019/20 be approved.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A capital programme was established within the Highways and Transportation group in 2005 to make provision for the scheduled replacement of specialist vehicles within its sections.
- 1.2 This includes provision for the replacement of 14 vehicles, 5 specialist demountable vehicle bodies and 1 crusher unit during 2019/20, with an estimated expenditure of £1,423,000.

## **2. Proposed Works**

2.1 The 14 vehicles to be replaced are grouped into 4 distinct types, the 5 demountable specialist bodies constitute 2 different types and the crusher unit is a single requirement. The purchase of these items will be based on separate lots as summarised below,

- 3 x 18 tonne gulley tankers
- 1 x Medium panel van mounted graffiti removal unit
- 2 x 18t tonne 4x4 chassis cabs with demountable body equipment
- 8 x 4 tonne compact road sweepers
- 2 x demountable gritter bodies
- 3 x demountable insulated tipper bodies
- 1 x crusher unit

2.2 Fleet Management, in conjunction with the Highways and Cleansing sections, specify the vehicle requirements. The procurement of the respective vehicle types is then subject to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and EU Procurement Rules.

## **3. Objective of the Scheme**

3.1 The objective of these renewals is to provide fit for purpose vehicles for Highways and Transportation in accordance with the overall replacement programme

## **4. Equality and Engagement Implications**

4.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

4.2 An Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form has been completed and is attached as a background paper

## **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The renewal of the existing vehicles, demountable specialist bodies and crusher unit are scheduled for 2019/20 as they have now reached the end of their economic working life. It is anticipated that they will now begin to

incur incrementally increasing revenue costs, as well as increased non-availability due to breakdown and mechanical repairs.

- 5.2 The total cost of the purchases is estimated as £1,423,000 (exc. VAT) and will be funded by the Highways and Transportation vehicle replacement capital reserve. Details are set out in Appendix A, including start and completion dates. The anticipated unit costs are set out below,

Description	Qty	Price per Unit (exc. VAT)	Sub Total
18 tonne Gulley Tanker	3	£120,000	£360,000
Medium panel van mtd. Graffiti removal unit	1	£25,000	£25,000
18 tonne 4x4 chassis cabs c/w demountable body equipment	2	£104,000	£208,000
4 tonne compact road sweepers	8	£75,000	£600,000
Demountable gritter bodies	2	£16,000	£32,000
Demountable Insulated tipper bodies	3	£16,000	£48,000
Crusher Unit	1	£150,000	£150,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,423,000</b>

- 5.3 Revenue costs will be met by existing revenue budgets within the Highways and Transportation group, as they are replacing existing vehicles and equipment.
- 5.4 The vehicle replacement capital reserve has an uncommitted earmarked reserve budget of £1,522,048.50.

## 6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 As noted above, the procurement of the vehicles and equipment is subject to compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and EU Procurement Rules.

**Background Papers:** 'Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form'

### Appendices:

Appendix A Financial Implications