

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2009

## REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

## VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010

**Abstract:** The Committee are asked note that under delegated authority the Director of Neighbourhood Services, has authorised the purchase of specific fleet vehicles required for the 2009/2010 replacement programme.

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee note:

- (i) that the Director of Neighbourhood Services, has authorised the purchase of 2 No access minibuses that are required for the 2009/10 replacement programme at a cost of £42,000 each.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council's vehicle replacement program has been re-profiled for 2009/2010 to ensure that the vehicles scheduled for replacement represent those that are the priority in order to maintain service provision. As part of this re-profiled programme the following vehicles require to be replaced at the present time:-

2 no access Mini Buses at an estimated cost of £42k each.

## 3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Now that Angus Council is a full member of Scotland Excel, the full range of contracts entered into by Scotland Excel is available to the Council. Procurement of the access minibus vehicles via the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Heavy / Municipal Vehicles (Contract Schedule Ref No: 59/05 – PC/5) has been further investigated and using this route gives value for money for these vehicles when compared to the tenders received for similar vehicles in previous financial years, It is also a more efficient purchase route which meets the council's requirements for these vehicles.

3.2 Compilation of the actual prices for these vehicles is now complete on the basis of a "mini evaluation" amongst all the suppliers under the Framework. This is a valid, compliant way to purchase under this Framework and is being carried out in association with Scotland Excel.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The overall Vehicle Replacement Programme has been re-profiled for 2009/10 and beyond budget process and this was reflected in the Community Services (Direct Services) Financial Plan presented to the special budget meetings on 19 February 2009 (report 122/09 refers).

4.2 This re-profiling ensures that the vehicles scheduled for replacement each year represent those that are the priority in order to maintain service provision, without placing undue pressure on other budget areas (such as maintenance, parts and outside garage costs) which could result from deferral of the purchase of these vehicles. The capital costs noted at paragraph 2.1 above will be contained within this re-profiled budget.

4.3 As part of the 2009/10 revenue budget process, the re-profiled Vehicle Replacement Programme was reviewed in respect the overall revenue budget provision and an additional £200,000 was approved to cover the financing costs arising from the capital expenditure in respect of vehicle purchases. Notwithstanding the addition of this amount to Direct Services' base budget, the revenue implications arising from the re-profiled priority programme will require to be kept under review throughout future budget processes.

## 5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The issues dealt within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

## **8. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- Sustainable business growth is achieved by approval of the recommendations of the report.
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- Reduction in waste through a sustained increase in recycling and reuse of wastes by approval of the recommendations of the report.
- Resources are used effectively by approval of the recommendations of the report

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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