

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 8 OCTOBER 2009

VEHICLE & PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Abstract: The Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services, to purchase Refuse Skips required for the 2009/2010 replacement programme.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to:

- (i) authorise the Director of Neighbourhood Services, to purchase 10 (ten) skips of various cubic capacities that are required for the 2009/10 replacement programme, from the Council's previous supplier, GWR Liverpool, , invoking Financial Regulation 16.22.3/4. as there is no current Live Framework Agreement with suppliers and Scotland Excel current contracts do not cover these Plant items at this time and the estimated total cost of the skips is below £30,000.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council's vehicle replacement programme has been re-profiled for 2009/2010 to ensure that the vehicles scheduled for replacement represent those that are a 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:

2.2 10 large open skips – 3 x 15 cubic yards, 4 x 20 cubic yards, 3 x 25cubic yards.

2.3.1 Typical delivery for this commodity is 12 (twelve) weeks, therefore, it is essential that these skips are ordered in the near future to ensure continuity of service provision.

2.4 GWR Liverpool was on Angus Council's original framework agreement and proved to provide the Best Value over the four year period the agreement was in operation. It should be noted that within that period, due to the specialist nature of these items, only two suppliers quoted for the supply of skips and in each case GWR Liverpool proved to provide the best overall package when looking at both price and quality.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The number of skips in the fleet has been diminishing through wear and tear and the age of the skips ranges from 10 – 15 years. The condition of the existing fleet of skips has been evaluated and some do not justify the repair cost they require in comparison to purchase cost. this has resulted in 10 skips being scrapped, therefore, leaving a shortfall in the numbers required to service recycling centres etc. The current number of skips identified to be replaced is included within the Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme for 2009-2010.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The overall Vehicle Replacement Programme has been re-profiled for 2009/10 and is currently being further re-profiled as part of the overall 2010/11 and beyond budget process for Environmental Management (Direct Services) Financial Plan.

4.2 This re-profiling will ensure that the vehicles scheduled for replacement each year represent those that are a 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 (£30000) will be contained within this re-profiled budget.

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 contained in this Report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

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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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