

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board

1st December 2017

Joint Report of the Head of Street Care

Michael Roberts

And Head of Engineering & Transport

David Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Ward Affected:All

Procurement of Recycling Vehicles

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval to procure replacement vehicles for two older caged recycling trucks that are adapted to facilitate provision of the 'Recycle+' kerb-sort recycling service to the associated farm/rear lane collections. Also, to seek approval to procure an additional 'Romaquip' kerb-sort to expand the Council's recycling fleet.

Background

2. In the context of the Council working towards meeting the statutory waste targets, and reducing exposure to associated fines, Cabinet has previously agreed a number of actions to improve the Council's recycling and composting performance. These included the rolling out of kerbside sort recycling collections (subsequently branded as Recycle+), where conditions permit, as funding could be identified.
3. Further to an additional 20,000 households being given the new service in March of this year, Recycle+ has now been rolled out across the entire county borough other than two restricted access rounds which serve farms and lanes
4. It is consequently now proposed to convert the final two rounds to Recycle+ which means replacing the existing vehicles with suitably adapted vehicles. As the replacement of these vehicles was not

included in the annual vehicle renewal programme report presented at the start of this year, separate approval now needs to be sought

5. The specification of replacement vehicle was identified following vehicle trials which were conducted around the tight lanes and hard to reach areas on which the current vehicles operate. If procurement is agreed, both vehicles could be in service before May 2018.
6. A tender has been issued further to the specification via the Crown Commercial Services (National Procurement Service associated) framework and E-Tender Wales procurement portal. Tenders have been received and it is proposed to issue an order to the first ranked supplier.
7. In addition to the above, financial provision has been made in the Council's draft budget for 2018/19 for an additional mainstay 'Romaquip' recycling vehicle and crew to increase service capacity. Because of the lead-in time for these vehicles it is proposed, subject to approval, to go to the market now via the national framework to procure the vehicle so it is available at the start of the new financial year.

Financial Implications

8. Replacement farm/lane round vehicles: Grant funding has been applied for under Welsh Government's Collaborative Change Programme. Contingency arrangements have been agreed with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services should the grant bid not be successful.
9. Additional 'Romaquip' vehicle: As there is no money available in the Vehicle renewals Fund to buy the vehicle upfront, the additional monies for the crew and vehicle in the budget include for prudential borrowing repayments associated with buying the vehicle. [If alternatively Finance decide later in the year to utilise Council funding to purchase the vehicle then the 'vehicle repayment' monies including in the budget provision will be paid into the Vehicle Renewal Fund to build up funding for the next routine replacement].

Equality Impact Assessment

10. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment

Workforce Impact

11. There will be no workforce impacts.

Legal Impact

12. None.

Risk Management

13. Without purchasing these vehicles there will continue to be inadequate vehicles available to provide the 'Recycle+' service across the County Borough in accordance with policy direction previously set by Cabinet. Failure to grow the recycling service in line with increasing householder utilisation and statutory targets would present a service delivery risk.

Consultation

14. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

15. It is recommended that:
- a. the proposed procurement of two appropriately adapted replacement farm/lane recycling vehicles is approved.
 - b. The proposed procurement of an additional 'Romaquip' recycling vehicle is approved.

Reason for Proposed Decision

16. To continue making progress with implementing the Council's Waste Strategy.

Implementation of Decision

17. The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call in period.

List of Background Papers

18. Cabinet Report of 24th April 2013 – Waste Strategy Report

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