



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board

18 March 2022

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Ward Affected: All

Vehicle and Heavy Plant Fleet Procurement Programme 2022/23

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval to procure new and replacement vehicles and heavy plant in 2022/23 as outlined in the attached programme.
2. To further approve delegated authority for Head of Service to replace vehicles from future years 24/25 if any Grants become available to assist with the purchase of vehicles.

Executive Summary

3. A report has been prepared (appendix a) which identifies Vehicles and Plant which has reached the end of their economic life cycle and require replacement in line with the Authority's Fleet renewals policy.
4. If agreed, vehicles and plant will be procured either by outright purchase or prudential loans and repaid by departments over the life of the vehicles/plant.

Background

5. The preparation of the Vehicle and Plant Fleet Replacement Programme for 2022-23 has been undertaken by the Council's Fleet section in consultation with user Directorates and Sections,

including a review of current vehicle condition, serviceability and environmental position.

6. Vehicles acquired by contract hire such as certain pool vehicles, are dealt with separately and are not included in this report as there are low numbers of these type vehicles and low costs.
7. The proposed renewal programme is shown on the attached (appendix a). The Fleet Manager, in conjunction with the user Directorates, may decide to extend the working life of individual vehicles or plant once tenders are received and where there are economic advantages to be gained. Going forward the Council will have to give careful consideration to the environmental impact of high emitting carbon vehicles, and to the global supply issues of new vehicles.
8. The means of financing the acquisition of each of the items listed will be either by outright purchase or prudential loan.
9. Outright purchase – Can be used to acquire new or preowned vehicles or items of plant. Items acquired by this means will involve monthly contributions to the Renewals Fund for a predetermined period of time prior to the section purchasing the required items.
10. Vehicles purchased from Grant funding or with the help of Grant funding will need to be budgeted for by the service area when a replacement vehicle is required. Vehicles and plant purchased via grant funding especially in the case of transitioning to zero emission vehicles may be bought forward from future years if identified as a financial benefit to the Authority.
11. Prudential loan – Can be used to acquire new or preowned vehicles or items of plant. Items required by this means will involve loan repayments for a predetermined period of time.
12. The financing costs of the vehicle acquisitions will be a charge on the relevant Directorate's operating account and the means of acquisition will be agreed between the Fleet Manager and user Directorate in each case. In the case of uplifted costs to any new purchases especially with vehicles been transitioned to low emissions the fleet manager will closely liaise with the budget holder and finance section to ensure vehicles are costed and any

shortfalls or pressure to departments accounts are identified and reported.

13. Any vehicles purchased out of the Renewals Fund will get the residual value deducted from the total cost of the vehicle. The Fleet Manager will seek an estimated residual value which he expects to achieve at the end of the vehicles economical life or term. This has been agreed with finance and committed to achieve savings towards the FFP. The Fleet Manager will expect the vehicles to be returned at the end of the term in a reasonable condition to ensure the vehicle recovers the committed up front residual values. Any additional monies achieved at sale will help off-set any uplift costs of new vehicle purchases out of the renewals fund.
14. Vehicles purchased via prudential loans do not follow the above commitment for the residual values. Any monies achieved at auction will be given back to sections minus a disposal arrangement fee.
15. Members will recall the Zero Emission Fleet Transition report which was presented on the 24th September 2021. At that meeting Members approved the Zero Emissions Fleet Transition Plan and the subsequent submission of the plan to the Welsh Government Energy Service on 22nd October 2021, in line with the requirements set out in Welsh Governments Prosperity for All Document 2019, a Low Carbon Wales. The Fleet Transition Plan provides a definitive timeline of when vehicles are to be renewed and what they are to be replaced with. The Transition Plan is a Management tool which will help the Council budget for the increased costs that will be incurred with E.V's.

Financial Impact

16. Like for like replacements for existing vehicles already has a budget in place to fund the costs of replacement. Therefore there are no financial implications apart from natural vehicle price increase.
17. Where vehicles and plant are replaced with zero emission equivalents there will be an increased costs in purchase price. The extra cost are currently funded by grants. However, going forward the transition cost is expected to increase, each purchase will be reviewed for affordability prior to purchase.

Integrated Impact Assessment

18. A first stage Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

Workforce Impacts

19. There will be no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

20. There is no legal risk to the Authority.

Risk Management

21. The vehicles and plant listed in this report are reaching the end of their economic life and their replacement will have a beneficial effect on both the environment and the productivity of the Council.

Consultation

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

Recommendations

23. Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that;
24. That Members approve the proposed Vehicle/Plant Procurement Programme for 2022/23 set out at appendix a.
25. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Head of Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Engineering to purchase any vehicles in order to maximise the availability of Grant funding that may become available to assist with the purchase cost of the vehicles.

Reason for Proposed Decision

26. The replacement vehicles and plant will have a higher euro standard which will enable the fleet to be more fuel efficient by producing better MPGs and reducing the carbon footprint of the Council by lower emissions.
27. The Integrated Transport Unit in conjunction with the Welsh Government Energy Service undertaken a review of the Councils Fleet of vehicles to establish usage within sections and where there are opportunities for introducing full electric and other zero emission vehicles and plant to further reduce the Councils carbon emissions in line with the Councils Fleet Transition Plan.

Implementation of Decision

28. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

Appendices

29. Appendix A – Fleet Procurement Programme 2022/23.
30. Appendix B - IIA

List of Background Papers

31. None

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Appendix A

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

FLEET SERVICES SECTION

VEHICLE FLEET PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

2022/23

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Waste & Neighbourhood Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
2959	HX13 FPG	Heavy Van	Possible EV depending on availability and suitability to service needs
1289	CU65 DZE	Lorry	Possible replacement with EV
5646	CV67 AOW	Ride On Mower	Like For Like
5647	CV67 AOX	Ride On Mower	Like For Like
5648	CV67 AOY	Ride On Mower	Like For Like
5645	CV67 AOZ	Ride On Mower	Like For Like
6127	6127	Trailer	Like For Like
5148	CN13 AVP	Tractor	Like For Like
5147	CN13 AVR	Tractor	Like For Like

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Building Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL	N/A	N/A	UNIMOG MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE WITH VARIOUS ATTACHEMENTS SUCH AS; ROAD MENDING SNOW BLOWER WATER PUMP FOR FLOODING SNOW PLOUGH
5332	CU62 AUP	JCB Excavator	Like For Like
5333	CU62 AUV	JCB Excavator	Like For Like

User: Education Directorate – Margam Country Park

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
5146	CN12 CCU	Tractor	Like For Like

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Building Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
4873	CU14 YDN	Light Van	Light Van Electric

User: Environment Directorate – Engineering and Transport Division – Community Service Transport

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
270	GN14 DVF	Welfare Bus	Possible Electric Welfare Bus
271	GN14 DVX	Welfare Bus	Like For Like
355	CP64 EUA	17 Seater Minibus	Possible Electric Welfare Bus

User: Education Directorate – Access Managed Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
FC20	CN67 LWU	Car	Electric Car
FC21	CN67 LUJ	Car	Electric Car

**User: Environment Directorate – Engineering and Transport
Division – Parking Services**

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
ADDITIONAL	N/A	N/A`	Electric Crew Van