

## **ITEM NO.4**

### **PART 1 SECTION A**

## **RENEWAL OF VEHICLE BRAKE TESTING EQUIPMENT**

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Members Approval to accept a single tender for the purchase and installation of brake testing equipment for the Authority's vehicle workshops at Tregelles Court.

### **Background**

In the context of the Council working towards meeting the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) vehicle testing requirements, and providing a local Taxi Testing facility it was agreed by this board as part of the vehicle and plant renewals program to replace the aging Brake Testing facilities at Tregelles Court vehicle workshops.

A Single tender has been obtained from VLT (Van Leeuw) Test Systems to supply, install, commission and calibrate the equipment in the sum of £38,865. The benefit of purchasing this particular system from VTL Test Systems is that the same specialist brake testing equipment is used by our local DVSA MOT Test Facility for Large goods Vehicles and is also approved and used at most of their other test stations. This will enable us to conduct brake testing to the same standards as that of the DVSA test facilities and eliminate differences in brake test reading results that we currently experience with our existing brake testing equipment which potentially can lead to MOT failures.

It is imperative that high standards of vehicle brake testing are maintained for the safety of our fleet and that of other road users. The Fleet Technical and compliance Officer has undertaken a review of available systems on the market and has visited Authorised Testing Facilities (AFT) who are operating this particular brake testing system. The VLT System has been tried, tested and approved by the DVSA, Ministry of Defence and other leading transport operators and fully meets our operational requirements and safety standards .

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 function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

## **Financial Implications**

As the brake tester is a replacement to existing equipment a budget is already in place to fund the costs over the equipment's life via the renewals fund consequently there are no financial implications.

## **Consultation Outcome**

There is no requirement for consultation on this item.

## **Sustainability Appraisal**

The new up to date equipment has a positive impact in relation to Road Safety.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended having due regard to the Equalities Impact Assessment screening, that:

1. VLT Test Systems limited (Buckinghamshire) be approved as the Council's sole supplier and installer of Brake Testing Equipment.
2. That financial regulations and contract procure rules 3(x) be applied in order to accept a single quotation for the supply and installation.

## **Reasons For Proposed Decision**

To continue to set high vehicle maintenance safety standards for the Authority's fleet of vehicles as stipulated by the Authority's operator's licence.

## **List of Background Papers**

Cabinet Report of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – Vehicle Fleet Procurement Programme 2014/15

Cabinet Report of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – Summary of Decisions 2014/15  
VLT Test Systems quotation

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form

**Wards Affected**

All

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## **ITEM NO.4, PART 1, SECTION A – COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

### **RENEWAL OF VEHICLE BRAKE TESTING EQUIPMENT**

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

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

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

**Community Plan Impacts**

|                                 |   |           |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Economic Prosperity             | - | No Impact |
| Education and Lifelong Learning | - | No Impact |
| Better Health and Well Being    | - | No Impact |
| Environment and Transport       | - | Positive  |
| Crime and Disorder              | - | No Impact |

**Other Impacts**

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|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| Welsh Language          | - | No Impact |
| Sustainable Development | - | No Impact |
| Equalities              | - | No Impact |
| Social Inclusion        | - | No Impact |

(c) **Consultation**

This item has been subject to external consultation.