

CABINET MEETING 16 JULY 2014 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I									
Title of Report: Procurement of Replacement Gritting Vehicles									
Author(s): Report of the Deputy Chief Executive									
Purpose of Report: To seek Cabinet approval for the procurement of 6 no replacement gritting vehicles.									
Description of Decision: Cabinet is recommended to Approve the procurement of 6 gritting vehicles to replace existing vehicles to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the winter maintenance programme.									
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? *Yes									
If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework									
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to permit the letting a contract exceeding £250,000 in value.									
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: Not replacing, or delaying the replacement of the gritting vehicles would reduce the efficiency of a high risk service and cost more because of the increased maintenance costs of the old vehicles. These options have been rejected.									
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Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? <u>Yes/No</u> Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions? <u>Yes/No</u>	Scrutiny Committee								

Report of - Deputy Chief Executive

PROCUREMENT OF REPLACEMENT GRITTING VEHICLES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the procurement of 6 replacement gritter vehicles.

2. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve the procurement of 6 gritting vehicles to replace existing vehicles to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the winter maintenance programme.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Streetscene Fleet and Transport Unit operates a planned replacement programme for gritting vehicles ensuring they are replaced on a 10 year cycle, after which they become uneconomic to maintain and operate and increase risks to service delivery. Currently the Council operates a fleet of fifteen of these vehicles of which six are due for replacement.
- 3.2 There is budgetary provision and no net increase in costs to the Council is anticipated.

4. PROCEDURE

- 4.1 The total capital purchase value of the equipment is approximately £500K and is therefore subject to the procurement regulations and procedures of the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). The national framework for the procurement of Specialist vehicles (known as Pro 5), which has been constructed in accordance to OJEU will be used to generate competition between multiple suppliers to ensure best value.
- 4.2 The most effective method of financing the acquisition will be determined upon receipt of tenders and may take the form of lease or loan to purchase.
- 4.3 Suppliers will tender against the Council's specification for the vehicles which will be evaluated taking cost and quality into account.

5. REASON FOR DECISION

- 5.1 In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to permit the letting a contract exceeding £250,000 in value.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Not replacing, or delaying the replacement of the gritting vehicles would reduce the efficiency of a high risk service and cost more because of the increased maintenance costs of the old vehicles. These options have been rejected.

7. IMPACT ANALYSIS

- 7(a) Equalities - An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. There are no new equality issues.
- 7(b) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) – The proposal will not introduce any new PIA issues

8. OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS / CONSULTATIONS

- (a) Financial Implications – The Head of Financial Resources, has been consulted on this proposal and confirms that there is provision in the existing capital budget to procure the equipment.
- (b) Employee Implications – The Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development has been consulted and has confirmed there are no direct employee implications.
- (c) Legal Implications – The Head of Law and Governance has been consulted and confirms that legally compliant procedures are being pursued.
- (d) Health & Safety Considerations – The tenders will be evaluated to ensure compliance with the health and safety obligations of the Council.
- (e) Procurement – The Procurement Team has provided advice and guidance on this proposal.

9. LIST OF APPENDICES

None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None