

**This report may be of interest to: Members of the DSO Sub-Committee**

**TENDER FOR DSO VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To seek approval to tender for the purchase of vehicles/equipment as part of the planned replacement programme for the Council's Fleet.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 This report seeks the Committee's approval to tender for vehicles/equipment that are due for replacement as part of the ongoing replacement programme of the Council's Transport Fleet. Leasing will fund all vehicles and some of the more expensive equipment; other smaller items will be purchased out of revenue.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That a tender(s) for the replacement vehicles/equipment in two separate categories (Machinery and Vehicles) as outlined in the Annex to this report, be approved
- 3.2 That the Strategic Director, Environment be given delegated power to award contracts after receipt and evaluation in excess of £100,000 in consultation with the chair of Environment Committee.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The life of a number of the Councils Transport Fleet will cease over the next 12-18 months. Funding has been provided by leasing and the vehicles/equipment concerned will have to be returned to the leasing company at the expiry of the lease.
- 4.2 The size and/or specialist nature of some of the vehicles necessitates a lengthy delivery period. The size and quantity of vehicles/equipment also determine that under the Councils Standing Orders and in accordance with the Contracts, Tenders and Quotations procedures that the purchase be subjected to tender with Committee approval.
- 4.3 A notice to tender for the vehicles/equipment will be published in the European Contracts Journal in the near future.
- 4.4 A full list is attached as an **Annex**.

#### **5. Issues and Choices**

- 5.1 There are a number of different types of vehicle/equipment that need replacing which fall into two distinct categories. Given the nature of the items required, it is unlikely that one supplier will be able to supply all of them which will reduce the possibility of reduced prices through bulk purchase. However, by tendering for items in categories it may be possible to generate economies of scale, which could produce some price reductions.
- 5.2 The two suggested categories for tender are:
- (a) Tender 1 – Machinery      Estimated Value    £426,720
  - (b) Tender 2 – Vehicles                      Estimated Value    £194,052
- 5.3 Whilst it is unlikely that any single contractor will win contracts in one category over the value of £100,000 a mechanism needs to be in place should this occur. Current authorisation and reporting levels state that acceptance of tenders in excess of £100,000 should be taken by the appropriate Committee. Given that the vast majority of contracts will be awarded during late April/Early May, approval is sought to give delegated power to the Strategic Director, Environment in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee, in the unlikely event that this situation occur.

## **6. Implications**

### 6.1 Environmental

Alternative tender prices will be requested for LPG conversions for vehicles where they can be powered by petrol

### 6.2 Equalities

None

### 6.3 Financial

The total estimated cost of replacing the vehicles/equipment is £620,772 which will be funded by leasing or purchased out of revenue within approved budgets.

### 6.4 Legal

The tendering process must comply with the Public Supply Contracts Regulations 1995.

### 6.5 Staff and Accommodation

None

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 The vehicles and equipment are required as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to replace items on a programmed basis. By tendering for the items in categories it maximises the opportunity to obtain the most competitive prices possible.

Background Papers : None

**Tender 1 - Equipment**

• 1 No. Small Tractor	£11,750
• 1 No. Hydraulic Gangset 5/7	£18,500
• 2 No. Ride on Mower (Batwing)	£61,000
• 2 No. Ride on Mower (3 cylinder)	£49,000
• 1 No. Ride on Mower (Bobcat)	£21,000
• 2 No. Ride on Mower (5 cylinder)	£72,000
• 2 No. Tractor Mounted Woodchippers	£28,000
• 4 No. Ferris Pedestrian Mowers	£15,000
• 1 No. Tractor mtd Rotary Mower	£7,000
• 2 No. Towable Woodchippers	£22,000
• 4 No. Chainsaws	£1,900
• 7 No. Leaf Blowers	£1,900
• 1 No Pedestrian Rollers	£3,000
• 10 No. Strimmers	£4,200
• 6 No. Pedestrian Lawnmowers	£2,670
• 10 No. Hedge Trimmers	£3,400
• 12 No. Stone Cutters	£6,300
• 2 No. Hyd Power Packs	£7,800
• 3 No Highway Rollers and Breakers	£19,500
• 1 No Ride on Roller – Double Drum	£15,000
• 1 No. Trac – air	£25,000
• 1 No. Side Arm Flail	£5,000
• 2 No. Vibrating Plate	£1,500
• 10 No. Self Propelled Pedestrian Mower	£11,300
• 2 No. Boom Hedge Trimmers	£1,000
• 2 No Boom Chainsaw	£1,000
• 1 No. Pedestrian Greens Mower	£4,500

- 2 No. Trailer (2 wheel) £3,500
- 1 No. Water Bowser £3,000

**TOTAL TENDER PRICE £426,720**

**Tender 2 – Vehicles**

- 1 No. Car 4 Seater – Petrol £8,500
- 1 No. MPV £25,322
- 1 No. Car 5 Seater – Diesel £12,000
- 1 No. Pick up Truck (Beavertail) £15,500
- 4 No 4x4 Jeeps £48,000
- 2 No. 7.5 Ton Lorry £84,730

**TOTAL TENDER PRICE £194,052**