

South Lakeland District Council
Delegated Executive Decision

21 October 2021

**Purchase of fleet vehicles (2 No. 3.5T Refuse Vehicle
for the Council – award of contract.)**

Portfolio: Cllr Philip Dixon – Portfolio Holder for Customer and Commercial services and people

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Wards: N/A

Forward Plan: N/A

Links to Council Plan Priorities: N/A

1.0 Expected Outcome

1.1 To purchase 2 No. 3.5T streetscene fleet vehicles. The purchase is in line with the current capital replacement vehicle programme. It is expected that it will help reduce the maintenance and servicing costs for the service and provide a reliable fleet of vehicles to help the service run effectively.

2.0 Proposed decision

2.1 It is proposed:

(1) To approve the award of the contract for purchase of the 2 No. 3.5T refuse collection vehicles for Streetscene to the recommended bidder as noted in Part II Appendix 1; and

(2) That the Director of Customer and Commercial Services in conjunction with the specialist procurement officer and Lead Specialist Legal Governance and Democracy enter into the appropriate contract on behalf of the Council with the successful bidder.

3.0 Background and Proposals

Please note that in accordance with Section 100B(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, copies of the appendix to this report are excluded from inspection by members of the public as they contain information as described in Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as follows:-

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Paragraph 3)

- 3.1 There are 2No. 3.5T refuse collection vehicles to be acquired. They will be purchased to replace existing vehicles which are due to be replaced as part of the vehicle and plant replacement programme.
- 3.2 SLDC replace vehicles generally after 7 years. This is the optimum period that provides for disposal of vehicle in advance of the vehicle-life costs outweighing the capital cost of replacement. The vehicle replacement programme is included within the Capital Programme and the tendered cost falls within the Capital sum available. These items were on the Procurement Schedule.
- 3.4 The specification is agreed with input from the Transport manager, Team Leaders and Drivers to ensure that the correct requirements are specified and tendered. As part of the tender, the tenderers provide vehicles for the crews to Demo. The tender received met with the specification provided as part of the tender.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the Council proceeds with the purchase of 2 No. 3.5T Diesel refuse vehicles having followed the Council's procurement policy and the new vehicle meets with the requirements set out as part of the tender. The tender and specification is set out with input from the Drivers, Team Leaders and Transport Manager. It is a performance based specification.
- 3.5 The proposal to procure the vehicle has been on the Procurement Schedule approved by Council and Cabinet. The report is a DED report due to the changes to the delegated decision making on the 30th June 2020 which are being followed. This provided that for contract awards relating to procurement decisions authorised by Cabinet and Council on the procurement schedule that the relevant Director now has the delegated authority to award the contract.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 The portfolio holder for Customer and Commercial service has been consulted on the procurement of the vehicles.
- 4.2 The Streetscene department was consulted as part of the process, demo vehicles were brought in for testing to ensure that the correct specification was provided during tender.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 To not purchase new vehicles and to run the existing fleet. This will inevitably lead to increase in maintenance and servicing costs and will provide an ageing fleet which will be less reliable. Reliability of vehicles is key to the streetscene department with collections expected on set days.
- 5.2 To lease as opposed to buy new vehicles. This is not recommended with the increase pressure on the revenue budget that this will likely bring. It also means that any servicing and maintenance would not be undertaken in house which again can lead to issues in terms of vehicles being available for set rounds on set days.
- 5.3 Another alternative option is to not award a contract to the recommended bidder in this procurement exercise. This is not considered a preferred option because the recommended bidder met the necessary criteria to proceed as set out in the analysis in the Part II appendix.

6.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 6.1.1 The current capital programme includes for the purchase of 2 No 3.5T refuse collection vehicles and the tender price is within the budgetary provision.
- 6.1.2 The specification was agreed with input from the Transport manager, Team Leaders and Drivers to ensure that the correct requirements were specified and tendered. The tender was issued under ESPO framework 215_9 lots 12. Analysis of the tender response received is set out in the Part II appendix.

Human Resources

- 6.2 By procuring new vehicles, there will be less demand on the Vehicle and Transport maintenance team and therefore staffing levels can be managed accordingly.

Legal

- 6.3 Legal Governance and Democracy Specialists will advise on the contract documentation for the purchase.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

- 6.4 Have you completed and Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No
- 6.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: N/A

Equality and Diversity

- 6.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No
- 6.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: N/A

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Tender return is valid for set period of time. If order is not placed, then tender will be invalid.	Potential additional cost or need to re-tender.	Order to be placed for the vehicles following Cabinet approval.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Part II – award of contract – tender report

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Council's procurement schedule	https://democracy.southlakeland.gov.uk/documents/s27801/Corporate%20Financial%20Update%20Quarter%202%20201920%20-%20Appendix%205.pdf

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Signed by:-	Title:-