

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
Tuesday, 15 April 2014

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 12325)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	CITY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME - APPROVAL TO SPEND
AUTHOR:	John Horton

THE DECISION

To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £350,000 in 2014/15 for the Purchase of Compact Sweepers scheme, contained within the Environment & Transport Portfolio (City Services) Capital Programme, in order to procure five mechanical sweepers to help secure the economy and effectiveness of the street cleansing service over next 5 – 7 years.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The fleet of mechanical sweepers currently deployed by the street sweeping service is now fast approaching the end of its useful operational life. This means that under-performing equipment and downtime due to breakdowns are adversely affecting outcomes achievable by the front-line street cleansing teams.
2. An opportunity exists to reverse to a significant extent recent reductions in street cleansing service standards through capital investment in a new and up-to-date street cleansing fleet, selected and specifically configured to maximise the street cleansing outcomes achievable by the reduced front-line staffing resources now available to the service.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Do nothing - units within the current fleet of street cleansing mechanised street sweeping are not replaced and the street cleansing function is carried out in the future entirely by front-line staff with brushes and litter pickers, with severe consequences for the level of street cleansing standards deliverable and frequency of operation achievable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15 April 2014

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Sandra Coltman

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

25 April 2014

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*