

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	PURCHASE OF NEW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES		
DATE OF DECISION:	21 NOVEMBER 2018		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC REALM		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
Approval for £2.9 million capital funding is requested to enable the replacement of 17 Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV's). These vehicles would replace those approaching their end of life and ensure that the council's heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) all comply with the latest emission standards and contribute to cleaner air in the city.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) To allocate £2.9million capital funding to enable the purchase of 17 Refuse Collection Vehicles.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To minimise downtime of vehicles and maintain high standards of refuse collection in the city. Keep streets free from litter and refuse and to deliver the Council's outcome "Southampton is a modern, attractive city where people are proud to live and work".
2.	Replacement of 17 RCV's will not only maintain efficient and quality waste collections, but will also ensure the vehicles meet Euro 6 emission standards and make a contribution to air quality improvements in Southampton
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue operating the 17 Refuse RCV'S. This is not recommended as fabrication repairs create long downtime, hire costs of £900p/w per vehicle will be incurred. • Retro fit vehicles to meet emission standards. This is not recommended as retro fit only offers up to Euro 6 standards, requires several weeks downtime per vehicle which requires hire vehicles to backfill, and also does not tackle the wear and tear of bodies, lifters and compaction equipment. • Lease new RCV's instead of purchasing. This is not recommended as Fleet transport have carried out a full feasibility study which demonstrates that leasing is significantly more expensive way of

	running the fleet. Longer downtime for 3 rd party repairs, end of lease charges and higher running costs.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
4.	The priority outcomes in the Council Strategy include “Southampton is a modern and attractive city where people are proud to live and work”. Maintaining a modern and low emission fleet to facilitate statutory and commercial waste collections will ensure that the environment is visibly clean and green. A modern fleet will also meet the latest Euro emission standards and contribute to cleaner air in the city.
5.	SCC has a statutory duty to collect waste from households in the city, and also businesses on request.
6.	There were 17 Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV’s) purchased by SCC in 2013 that are now nearing end of life. Most RCV’s with a long life pack have a functional life of no more than 7 years as bodies, lifting equipment and high tensile steel wears through continuous use and can result in service failure. Repairs become expensive and uneconomical.
7.	There is a long lead in time to purchase this type of vehicle as the chassis and bodies need to be purpose built to order following an OUJU tender process and there are a limited amount of factories in the EU that build the chassis and vehicles. The 17 vehicles we wish to replace do not currently meet Euro 6 emission standards.
8.	Funding approval is requested to replace the 17 RCV’s as outlined above.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
9.	The purchase of 17 RCV’s formed part of the MTFs proposals presented to Cabinet in October 2018. The purchase cost is estimated to be £2.9m. There is no external source of funding available for the purchase of these vehicles and therefore the purchases will need to be funded from Council resources. The purchase of new vehicles will not generate new revenue streams. There are currently pressures identified in 2018/19 of £0.2M for maintenance costs, and £0.07M for vehicle hire. Purchase of these vehicles will help address these budgetary pressures, and may generate a small saving on fuel costs through better efficiency. The Council has recently consulted on options for a Clean Air zone. The purchase will help mitigate any potential financial implications to the Council, should the Council decide to implement a chargeable scheme. KH
<u>Property/Other</u>	
10.	There are no known property or other implications
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environmental Protection Act 1990 provides a statutory requirement for SCC to collect household waste and also waste from businesses on request.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement will be governed by EU procurement rules and SCC policy
Other Legal Implications:	
12.	None.
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
13.	<p>Stakeholder interest in the service is moderate to high and the service would see a significant increases in service requests when the end of life RCV's begin to fail on the frontline and were not replaced. Commercial waste income and contributions would also be at risk.</p> <p>Risk = Moderate to high</p>
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
14.	Council Strategy 2016-2020

KEY DECISION?	Yes
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All Wards
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	
2.	