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Purchase of new Grounds Maintenance Equipment
Councillor Marco Cereste , Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment
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Cabinet portfolio holder	Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment
Responsible Director	Steve Cox – Executive Director Place and Economy
Is this a Key Decision? If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan	Yes, reference number – KEY/26APR2021/03 Yes
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	Yes
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	Yes
Is this a project	Managed through PCC Procurement

RECOMMENDATIONS
The Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consider and approve the release of capital funding from the capital programme to purchase new Grounds Maintenance plant and ride on machinery2. Award the purchase of plant and ride on machinery to Earnest Doe to the sum of £483,821.003. Award the Purchase of ride on machinery to Reesink to the sum of £236,221.00

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1. This report outlines the details needed for approval to be given to release capital funding for the purchase of new fleet and plant for environmental services delivered within Peterborough by Peterborough Limited (“PL”) on behalf of the Council in accordance with the terms of the Operational Services Agreement (“OSA”) between the Council and PL. Vehicles and plant will consist of mowers and hand tools.

- 1.2. The capital funding is to (i) replace fleet vehicles and capital assets which have now reached the end of their economic viability (ii) To invest capital to reduce revenue expenditure on leased vehicles
- 1.3. The new fleet and plant will remain the property of the Council (which is currently the case) and will be made available to PL in order to deliver environmental services. The OSA will require amendment to reflect changes to new hire terms to PL.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraphs (d) and (e)
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award contracts for purchase of fleet and plant to Earnest Doe and Reesink respectively and release capital funds from the capital programme to purchase these new fleet and plant for the delivery of environmental services.
- 2.3 Elements of this report (See Appendix 1) are exempt, that is NOT FOR PUBLICATION by reason of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 because they contain information which is commercially sensitive. The public interest test has been applied to the information contained within the exempt annex and it is considered that the need to retain the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The delivery of environmental services is heavily reliant on certain fleet and plant. A business case has previously been approved for the purchase of these vehicles and the Parks, Tree and Open Spaces element has now been competitively tendered.
- 4.2 Following the competitive tendering exercise we wish to award contracts to Earnest Doe and Reesink for the purchase of fleet and plant items that will be used in connection with the OSA for the delivery of the Parks Trees and Open Space element.
- 4.3 The new fleet and plant will be operated by Peterborough Limited under the Aragon Direct Services banner. Operation, maintenance and repair costs will be borne by PL in accordance with the terms of the OSA.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 No external consultation is required.
- 5.2 Internal consultation has been carried out with PL and PCC officers.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 Award of contracts to Earnest Doe and Reesink for the purchase of Fleet and Plant, leading to improved service levels and less down time with the machinery. The purchase

will also reduce cost of hiring equipment and due to the ages of the current fleet and the cost of repairs should also reduce.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The current fleet and plant being used to deliver environment services are reaching the end of, or have surpassed their economic life. Maintenance costs have significantly increased, which has also increased down time during which the vehicles are not in productive use.
- 7.2 The proposed new fleet is programmed to last until 30/05/2029, to be co-terminus with the end of the OSA initial contract term. This will also enable a non-diesel fleet to be implemented at this time to meet the Council's carbon commitment to have no diesel vehicles by 2030.
- 7.3 The tendering exercise was conducted through a 'Mini Competition' under the ESPO Framework Reference 274 Lots 1-4, it was evaluated on a price/quality split of 60% Price/40% Quality.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Do nothing – this was not considered viable as we would continue to see machinery down time and increasing costs of mechanical failure.
- 8.2 It was considered as to whether options to lease vehicles on a short- or long-term basis should be used. This was rejected as the business cases for each area showed that this would be a more expensive option for service delivery.
- 8.3 Investigations into purchasing electric vehicles are ongoing and will be pursued if economically viable and currently available.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 Appendix 1 contains the information on the purchase of the fleet and plant from the two successful contractors. The total capital purchase is £720,421.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 The Council is a contracting authority for the purposes of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – a body governed by public law. The Council is therefore bound to comply with these Regulations in the procurement of the new plant and fleet.
- 9.3 The use of a legally compliant procurement process has been followed to enable the purchase of these assets.

Equalities Implications

- 9.4 There are no negative equalities implications.

HR Implications

- 9.5 None at this time

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.7 The CMDN allows for the purchase of new fleet and plant items to operate the Parks Trees and Open Spaces element of the PL contract, there will be 22 New vehicles and 84 pieces of plant including hand tools and flails etc. The ride on mowers will be built to the latest standard to help with emissions and on the hand tools such as strimmer's, blowers etc we will be moved towards some electric options to reduce the

use of petrol. The vehicles are projected to last until 2029 where further options can be considered to ensure we meet our challenge to be carbon neutral by 2030.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

10.1 None

11. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Exempted Section Not for Publication Financial bid information