

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 12 December 2005
REPORT ON: Vehicle Purchasing
REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Committee for implementation of the undernoted recommendations in relation to Vehicle Purchasing and Fleet Management issues.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Cost / Mile

All Council fleet user Departments to set up reporting systems to enable meaningful cost/mile information to be collated and presented for management purposes.

2.2 Diesel Engines

All Council fleet user Departments to specify diesel engines at Euro 4 emissions level standard in preference to petrol versions when considering replacement vehicles unless there is an operational or cost benefit in doing so.

2.3 Green Diesel

Council Departments responsible for the purchasing and issue of fuels should consider green diesel as an alternative to diesel fuels currently used.

2.4 Alternative Fuels & Vehicle Technologies

Council Departments should continue to consider alternative fuels and new vehicle technologies and be authorised to introduce these into fleet operations for assessment purposes.

2.5 Purchase of Vehicles

All future requirements for vehicles should be sourced through Dundee Contract Services/Waste Management to ensure value for money and adherence to Council policy in respect of vehicle purchasing.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In each case recommendations will be reported on the basis of initial purchase costs using Dundee Contract Services tender evaluation process to determine best value vehicle replacements and where possible use estimated running cost comparisons to assess any alternative fuel options being considered.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Wherever possible to protect health by creating a safe, clean and pleasant environment by limiting pollution levels to which the natural systems can cope.
- 4.2 Ensure all internal combustion engines using fossil or carbon based fuels are subject to regular maintenance and testing to ensure emission levels are not exceeded.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Under Local Government Act 1988, suppliers are required to complete and return a questionnaire to ensure that their business complies fully with the Race Relations Act 1976 and all companies considered must comply fully with the Act.

6. MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The Director of Dundee Contract Services was tasked by the Chief Executive to assess vehicle purchasing in relation to cost/mile information and different fuel options available.
- 6.2 In carrying out the assessment, the Director identified a number of factors which if adopted by the Council would improve fleet user Departments, fleet management and decision making processes.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Council's Management Team.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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