

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



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Date: 23.06.20	Ref No: 194
Type of Operational Decision:	
Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Status: For Publication	
Title/Subject matter: Short term hire of two waste collection vehicles (i.e. bin wagons) for a period of 2 months maximum.	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:	
(i) within an Approved Budget	No
(ii) not in conflict with Council Policy	Yes
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:

The Council's fleet of waste collection vehicles (bin wagons) is aging and increasingly unreliable, with the majority being more than 8 years old now. The original lease on them has expired and so they are working beyond their original life expectancy. Vehicle Workshops find it increasingly difficult to ensure that the Waste Management service has a sufficient number of vehicles available every day in order to operate a full service.

These difficulties have been particularly acute last week and this, resulting in an inability to mobilise a full service every day. Today the service was down two rounds at start of play, though one was mobilised, part way through the day. The latter did not finish, along with three other rounds which all suffered from vehicle breakdowns.

There are no spare vehicles available at the moment, so when other wagons break down there are no replacements available, usually leading to work not being able to be completed on the scheduled day. Today five rounds have failed to complete, leaving a considerable amount of work outstanding, which inevitably will have a knock on effect through the rest of the week.

A number of wagons require some quite major work on them to get them back on the road, with repairs costing anywhere between £1,500 and £5,000, which will mean they are unavailable to use for some days or weeks. Meantime other vehicles are constantly failing with more minor, persistent faults.

The situation is summarised below:

- VU62HPO - Away at Dennis major engine problem requires special tool to remove injector sleeves plus all injectors and fuel pumps need sending away to be tested for water damage. Estimated cost of repair £5000.00
- PN12DFD - Major issue with the packer bearings and hopper sides worn out. Estimated cost £4000.00
- PN12DDV - Engine ECU failed 7 days for delivery requires programming by specialists. Estimated cost £1500.00
- PN12DFC - Compaction system top panel requires replacing as cracked and bearings failing. Estimated cost £4000.00
- PN12DDU - New hydraulic pump fitted possibly faulty pump awaiting supplier to come out and check pressures to confirm. New Pump £1250.00
- VU62HPN - Drive axle brake discs require replacing as one is cracked work being done in house. Estimated cost £1200.00

Time scales for vehicles being back in service at the moment are,



- PN12DFD Thursday the 25th
- PN12DDV Today 23rd
- PN12DFC Unknown
- PN12DDU Unknown
- VU62HPN Thursday the 25th
- VU62HPO Unknown

In light of the above, it is proposed to hire in two additional 26 tonne vehicles on a short term basis of up to a maximum of 2 months to enable the service to try to get through this difficult period, hopefully enabling Transport to satisfactorily complete the necessary repairs and enable the delivery of a service that is not too disrupted by breakdowns.

The vehicles will cost £850 pw to hire from Riverside. Riverside Rentals are local, being based in Trafford Park and guarantee a call out to breakdowns within 60-90 minutes. Transport did contact other rental companies but none were as local or their available vehicles as new as Riverside's. In reality weekly rental charges vary very little between suppliers in any case.

An Operational Decision was approved in November 2019 re: the short term hire of four bin wagons) from 25 November 2019 to 31 March 2020 from Riverside. This hire arrangement needs to be extended for the reasons listed above, until new wagons are brought into service.

See attached note for details

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director Operations		24/06/2020
Assistant Director Operations		24/06/2020
Deputy Chief Finance Officer		
Cabinet Member for Environment		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**