

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B023/21

If not a Key Decision write n/a above

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject:

Contract for the provision of Fire Appliances for the Community Protection Directorate Vehicle Replacement Programme.

Type of Decision: ~~Executive~~/Non-Executive
(Please delete as applicable)

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): ~~Yes~~/No
(Please delete as applicable)

Executive Member/Committee Chairman:

Terry Hone

Portfolio (Executive Functions only):

Community Safety and Waste Management

Officer Contact: Area Commander Mark Barber

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1. **Decision**

This decision awards the contract to supply up to 16 fire appliances (option of 4 per year) over the next four financial years to 2025.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

The Community Protection Directorate require a fleet of vehicles in order to provide emergency operational cover to the Community of Hertfordshire. There is currently a fleet of 56 Fire appliances with an operational life expectancy of 15 years. Towards the end of this time each vehicle is risk assessed against set criteria to determine the cost effectiveness of extending the lifespan against replacement of the vehicle. Other factors that are taken into account are technological advances designed to enhance user and community safety as well as legislative requirements for vehicle emissions. In order to replace vehicles following identification, the Directorate require a current contract with an approved supplier.

The procurement of fire engines is required to be undertaken in compliance with Contract Regulations and full EU (National) Tender.

Bids are evaluated against set criteria to ensure that the contract is awarded to the supplier that can deliver the product in line with the County Councils Capital Strategy and ensures the highest level of safety for operational personnel and the community of Hertfordshire.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

The National Fire Chiefs Council have an established framework for the procurement of a number of different emergency response vehicles. The framework includes all leading manufacturers and offers one centrally managed contract to provide an efficient and effective route to market for all UK Fire and Rescue Emergency Response Vehicles. This approach allows increased transparency of costs in vehicle management and maximises competition amongst capable suppliers.

Use of this collaborative approach to procurement supports the recommendations of Fire Reform and Her Majesty's Inspectorate approach to the 'Duty to Collaborate' in order to achieve savings through 'effectiveness and efficiency'.

4. **Consultation** (*see Summary of Requirements below*)

Was any Councillor consulted? **Yes/No** (*delete as applicable*)

If yes:

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- (a) Comments of Executive Member/~~Committee Chairman~~ (*delete as applicable*)

Terry Hone was informed of this decision, is content and has no additional comments.

- (b) Comments of other consultees

N/A

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

None

(If a Councillor declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from Democratic Services or Legal Services).

6. Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision. (*delete words in square brackets if no requirement to consult the Executive Member/Committee Chairman*)

Signed: *Darryl Keen*

Title: Chief Fire Officer

Date: 12th March 2021

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups



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