

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Jason King – Housing Landlord Services Manager

To: Officers Decision Notice

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Subject Purchase of 12 x Vans for Housing Repairs Fleet

Purpose: To award a contract to Vauxhall Motors Limited for 12 x Vans for the Housing Repairs Fleet at a total contract value of £229,782.24.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That the Council awards a contract to Vauxhall Motors Ltd for a contract value of £229,782.24 for the purchase of 12 x Vans that will be for the Housing Repairs Fleet.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Housing Repairs service requires a fleet of 12 vehicles (for 12 operatives) which are used by the service to carry out repairs, void works and out of hour's emergency call out to our Council Housing stock.

The current fleet is 6 years old, leased through Lex Autolease and as of December 2018, due to the age of the vehicles the maintenance element of the lease contract was removed by Lex Autolease, meaning that South Holland District Council is now responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles.

- 1.2 An options appraisal was completed and it was established that it was more cost effective to purchase a fleet rather than lease, lease-maintained or long-term hire. We therefore went through a further competition procurement process via the CCS RM6060 - Lot 2 Framework.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 Option 1 - Award the contract to the preferred bidder, Vauxhall Motors Ltd, for £229,782.24 as laid out in the recommendations
- 2.2 Option 2 – Do nothing - this is not considered a viable option as maintenance on the current fleet is no longer supported through the lease and the vehicles, due to their age are at risk of mechanical defects leading to significant spend on repairs, servicing and MOT.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 The lease has expired on the current fleet and we are now responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles. A new fleet of vehicles will prevent an expensive maintenance bill required to keep the current fleet on the road.

3.2 The bid from Vauxhall was within the costings as set out in the options appraisal and a Capital budget has been approved for this project.

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 The new fleet will lead to less breakdowns, less spend on maintenance and better fuel efficiency.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Constitutional & Legal**

5.1.1 The procurement was subject to a further competition via the Crown Commercial Services Framework via Lot 2 – Fleet Purchase and therefore meets requirements under both UK and EU Procurement Law and the Constitution's Contract Procedure Rules.

5.2 **Contracts**

5.2.1 The Contract will be the CCS Terms and Conditions. This has already been accepted by the supplier as they have signed up to the Framework.

5.3 **Corporate Priorities**

5.3.1 This Contract allows the Council to meet Corporate Priorities; "Delivering quality and value for money".

5.4 **Financial**

5.4.1 Funding has been approved via the Capital Programme

5.5 **Health & Wellbeing**

5.5.1 The drivers will feel safer and happier in the new fleet and there will be less chance of breakdowns.

5.6 **Reputation**

5.6.1 The current fleet is showing signs of cosmetic wear and tear; the new fleet will add a positive image and enhance our reputation. If we are attending properties in modern, new vehicles the perception is we are a professional organisation and are there to act in a professional manner.

5.7 **Stakeholders / Constitution / Timescales**

5.7.1 The necessary stakeholders have been involved in the process throughout. Under Section F1 'Officer Decisions' of the Constitution the Housing Landlord Manager has the delegated authority to make this decision

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 We carry out repairs to all our Housing stock and so all wards will be affected.

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 SHDC - South Holland District Council

7.2 CCS - Crown Commercial Services

Background papers:- [None](#)

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Key Decision: Y

Exempt Decision: N

This report refers to a Mandatory Service

Appendices attached to this report: N/A