

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL DECISION RECORD

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Officer Completing the Form: Campbell Williams

Lead Director: Cheryl Headon

Subject: Replacement of Special maintenance Transit Tippers

Details of Decision: Please provide a brief explanation as to what decision was made, including any financial implications. This should be done in easy to understand, non-technical language - as this wording will appear on the website for the public to read. Also please remember all staff will be able to see this document.

A capital budget totaling £171,000 was included in the General Fund 2024/25 Outturn report (CAB3514) for the purchase of a heavy duty tipper and two transit e-tippers. Estimated costs, including conversion and contingency, have increased slightly to £198,000.

Approve a supplementary capital budget of £27,000, funded by prudential borrowing and approve capital expenditure of up to £198,000 for the replacement of three expired-lease diesel special maintenance vehicles with a modern, low-carbon fleet — comprising a dual fuel (HVO) Ford Transit heavy-duty tipper (£67,000) and two electric Ford Transit 'e'-tippers (£131,000).). The investment supports the Council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan while equipping the SM team with reliable, future-ready vehicles.

Type of Decision: (please tick. see reverse for definitions)

☐ Key Decision (Executive) & Subject to Call-In (see section 2A on reverse of this form) Note, these decisions are published on winchester.gov.uk

☒ Significant Operational Decision (see section 2B (1) on reverse of this form). Note, these decisions are published on winchester.gov.uk

☐ Other Decisions to be Published (see section 2B (2) on reverse of this form) Note, these decisions are published on winchester.gov.uk

☐ Administrative Decision (see section 3 on reverse of this form)

Reason for the Decision: A brief overview of your reasons for taking this course of action.

Replacement of Special Maintenance Vehicles

The leases for the three existing special maintenance (SM) vehicles came to an end in 2024. Replacement is required to avoid additional lease/maintenance costs and to enable the Council to continue meeting its special maintenance obligations. Given the specialist nature of these vehicles, the market options for off-the-shelf purchase are limited. A minimum requirement is for dual fuel capability or full electric to support the Council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan. A standard diesel option has been discounted as it does not align with the Council's decarbonisation policy.

The option of doing nothing has been rejected as the previous lease vehicles have reached the end of their useful life.

Options considered:

- **Dual fuel HVO/diesel:** A sustainable option delivering around a 90% reduction in carbon emissions compared to diesel (equating to c.0.2 tonnes CO₂ per annum at 7,000 miles). Vehicles can operate on diesel until certified HVO fuel is available. HVO will be sourced via the Council's waste contractor. Suitable models are limited to the Ford Transit range.
- **Diesel only:** Emits c.2.04 tonnes CO₂ per annum and does not comply with carbon reduction policy. Discounted.
- **Electric vehicle (EV):** Offers 100% carbon reduction and can be charged at existing Council facilities. Ford have launched an electric Transit tipper suitable for two of the vehicles. However, a heavy-duty 4.5T tipper is not available as EV and therefore must be dual fuel HVO/diesel.

An analysis of lease vs buy has indicated that the option to buy is cheaper due to the implicit interest rate in leasing arrangements which are higher than the cost of borrowing available to the council.

Preferred option:

- Purchase two electric Transit tippers.
- Purchase one heavy-duty dual fuel HVO/diesel Transit tipper.

This approach ensures compliance with the Council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, makes use of existing EV charging infrastructure, provides for essential service delivery, and secures a cost-effective outcome. Full details of the appraisal and supporting calculations are appended.

In order to realise the carbon reduction savings in respect of the heavy-duty tipper, it will be necessary to ensure an adequate supply of HVO fuel. It is our intention that the vehicle will operate using HVO fuel supplied via our waste contractor. The administration required to facilitate this arrangement will be worked through during the expected lead-in time and finalised ahead of vehicle delivery.

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected: *All alternative options considered need to be outlined here. Please include detail of any representations received. This will include your response to any alternatives suggested by those making representation and the reasons why these alternatives were rejected.*

See reasons for decision above and Appendix 1

Supporting Information: *If your decision relates to delegated authority derived from a specific Committee resolution, please confirm the name of the Committee, the date of the meeting and paste the resolution into this box.*

None

Declared Officer and/or Member interests: *List any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision and, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, any note of dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer.*

None

Departmental Review			
Legal review:	<i>Tick this box to confirm legal team have reviewed proposed decision</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Murphy
Finance review:	<i>Tick this box to confirm finance team have reviewed proposed decision</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neil Aitken
Other review:	<i>Tick this box to confirm any other departmental review of proposed decision (and specify department)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Butt - Procurement
Public Sector Equality Duty:	<i>Tick this box to confirm you have considered the PSED requirements (see section 4 on reverse of this form)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Are the details of the decision open or exempt?

☒ Open

☐ Part Exempt. Please expand

☐ Exempt. Please expand

Decision Taker (name): *This needs to be the specific Officer or Cabinet Member who holds the delegation within the constitution/or referred to by a committee*

Decision Taker

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Liz Keys Director – Finance



14 Oct 2025

Call In dates (key decisions only) and Implementation date:

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