

NEW CAPITAL SCHEME APPROVALS

Directorate: Environment

Budget: £1,437,000

Project Title: Refuse and other vehicles

In the Capital Resources & Capital Investment Programme for 2010/11 Budget Council agreed, subject to further information being presented on the project, to fund refuse and other vehicles for Environment from unsupported borrowing. The vehicles to be replaced are currently leased and the savings generated on lease costs can fund the repayment of the unsupported borrowing.

The details of the vehicles are shown below:

Purchase of 7 Refuse Collection Vehicles - £1.05m

The refuse fleet needs to be replaced over a period of four years. Three new vehicles were purchased last financial year and another 7 are need for this financial year. The environmental impact of the vehicles have been considered and as well as health and safety and practical requirements. The vehicles will have Euro 5 standard engines which will reduce the emissions for Co2, PM10's and NoX, significantly. They will be able to run on 30% biodiesel as well as standard diesel and they will be more fuel efficient. The vehicles will also have specially designed panels along their sides which will allow the council to place and replace posters very easily

Purchase of 3 mechanical sweepers and 3 caged tippers - £0.297m

The street cleansing fleet needs replacement over a period of 3 years commencing this year.

Again, the vehicles will be more fuel efficient and emissions for Co2, PM10's and NoX will be less than the current vehicles.

Purchase of 3 electric vans - £0.090m

It is proposed that electric vehicles are purchased for lighter duties where the technology is more advanced and reliable and are used in areas where vehicles are not so critical to the delivery of frontline services to residents. The vans are 3 of 8 vehicles used by team leaders and managers to supervise the recycling, cleaning and refuse service across the city

