

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER
DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM
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DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN
THE CONSTITUTION**



DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:	Strategic Director of Environment & Communities
DELEGATED BY:	Choose an item. Executive (11 July 2024)
IN CONSULTATION WITH:	Executive Member
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Environment

SUBJECT: Food Waste Collection Vehicles Purchase

1. DECISION

Approve the purchase of 8 x Food Waste Collection Vehicles via Direct Award to Terberg Matec UK through the TPPL HGV & Specialist Vehicles Framework.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council require 8 x food waste collection vehicles to be added to their fleet in order to comply with the Environment Act 2021, which has mandated that Councils in England commence weekly food waste collections from April 2026.

A direct award was chosen as the most appropriate route to market due to the short timescales the Council is working towards to ensure a pilot food waste collection service is operational by April 2025. A direct award was also favoured due to the unique nature of the Council's requirement which restricted the market to just two capable suppliers. After conducting market research, it was discovered that the second capable supplier was significantly more expensive than Terberg Matec UK which made a direct award the most sensible option.

TPPL operate a supplier ranking system for direct awards on their HGV & Specialist Vehicle Framework, meaning customers can only direct award to the highest ranked supplier for their requirement. Terberg Matec UK were the highest ranked supplier on the Framework for our requirement.

Each 5.5 tonne food waste collection vehicle will cost £120,355.00 and each 7.5 tonne food waste vehicle will cost £123,325.00 bringing the total for 8 vehicles to £980,660.00.

3. BACKGROUND

At the Executive Board meeting on Thursday, 11th July 2024, members delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Environment and Communities in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Operations, to procure the necessary equipment, items and vehicles to carry out a weekly food waste collection service.

The procurement of food waste collection vehicles is a completely new requirement to the Council due to the introduction of the Environment Act 2021, which has mandated that Councils in England commence weekly food waste collections from April 2026.

The Council decided to go out to procurement well in advance of April 2026 to ensure two of the vehicles could be delivered in time to conduct a pilot food waste collection service in April 2025.

The 8 food waste collection vehicles are broken down into 2 x 5.5 tonne vehicles and 6 x 7.5 tonne vehicles. Only 1 x 5.5 tonne and 1 x 7.5 tonne are required for the pilot scheme in April 2025. The other 6 vehicles will be delivered before April 2026 for the start of the full food waste collection service.

Terberg Matec UK have also confirmed that if required, the vehicles can be manufactured and held in storage until called off by the Council at no additional charge.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

Direct Award - Using a direct award to purchase the vehicles means no competitive tender exercise has been conducted. However, due to the Council's specific requirements and the short timescales the Council is working towards, this particular route to market is deemed the most cost and time effective.

Lead-time - Terberg Matec UK have stated that the current lead-time for new vehicles is currently 24 weeks from receipt of order. In order for the vehicles to be delivered for the start of April 2025, an order must be placed in early November 2024.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No major financial implications - The cost of the vehicles will be met from Government capital New Burdens funding and approved capital budget. However, the cost of procuring the vehicles along with the cost of procuring the bins and caddies may exceed the amount provided in the capital funding received by the Council earlier this year.

The July Executive Board report stated there is a high risk that the New Burdens funding provided would not cover all of the revenue or capital costs associated with the service, and this may exceed the £3m included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Analysis from 2025/26.

Equally, this report does not consider the revenue implications arising from acquisition and use of these vehicles. This will be the subject of further reports to the Executive Board once there is a clearer understanding of the cost and funding associated with the scheme.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications, the procurement process has been carried out in accordance with the Council's Contract and Procurement Procedure rules and the Public Procurement Regulations.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No major resource implications.

8. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Further competition through the TPPL HGV & Specialist Vehicles Framework - This was rejected due to the extra time it would have taken to conduct a further competition and evaluate the responses. This extra time would increase the risk that the food waste collection vehicles are not delivered before April 2025 for the start of the pilot scheme.

9. CONSULTATIONS

Following evaluation of the bids, the outcome has been discussed with the Executive Member Environment, the Strategic Director Environment and Communities and the Head of Environment. The Executive Member Environment is in agreement with the procurement of the vehicles as detailed within this report.

10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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DATE:	01/10/2024
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	Executive Board report: Food Waste Collection Service and Executive Board Decision dated 11 July 2024
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