

Procurement Board meeting held via MS Teams Live

Friday 13th November 2020

Meeting commenced: 10:10am

Meeting ended: 10:18am

Present

City Mayor Paul Dennett and Councillors Hinds (in the chair) and Kelly.

In Attendance

Chris Hesketh	Head of Financial Management
Anthony Hilton	Head of Strategic Procurement
Terry Dixie	Transport Manager
Carol Eddleston	Democratic Services

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Merry.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Proceedings

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Request for Approval – Contract Award – Purchase of Car Derived Vans

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director Place seeking approval to award the contract for the purchase of car derived vans.

The request for approval to purchase new car derived vans was due to the age and condition of the current fleet, several of which had reached the end of their operational life and were now impacting service delivery.

The decision to purchase diesel powered car derived vans was due to the costs involved. Electric powered vehicles were 50% more expensive, and it would also require further funds to install the charging infrastructure within the depot. There were also limitations on the electrical capacity available to be used for the charging of electric vehicles. The replacement vehicles would, however, be EURO 6 compliant, meeting all the legislative requirements in place, and contributing to the City Council air quality improvement agenda.

Members of the board recognised the need in the longer term to move to electric vehicles but acknowledged that the current economic climate, exacerbated significantly by the Covid-19 pandemic, meant that efforts to reduce expenditure in the short term were necessary. Electric vehicles were still relatively new to the market and it was anticipated that the cost of them would reduce over time.

Additional funding from central government was required to support the transition to cleaner and greener fleets locally and it was very disappointing that additional funding was only available for the installation and improvement of the required infrastructure when said infrastructure was available for the public to access..

RESOLVED, THAT: the contract for the purchase of 15 car derived vans, with a total value of £186,840.90, be awarded to Ford.