

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Supply of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Busses and Ancillary Equipment
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Over £1m
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet Meeting 22 February 2022 Minute Ref: 36/22

Summary

The Council propose to procure 34 hydrogen fuel cell buses from The Bamford Bus Company Limited. This purchase enables the Council to accelerate the introduction of ultra-low and zero emission buses into Surrey, whilst retaining ownership of the capital asset, i.e. the buses. This will help create more carbon neutral transport options and assist in achieving climate change targets by providing residents with greener and more sustainable travel choices. The Council will lease the 34 hydrogen fuel cell buses to Metrobus. This will confirm the Council's ownership of the buses, annual lease costs, maintenance schedule and maintenance costs, with maintenance costs borne solely by Metrobus.

Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

1. A contract be placed with The Bamford Bus Company Limited for the supply of 34 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Busses at a price of £16,468,070.

Reasons for Decision:

The Bamford Bus Company operating as Wrightbus are the only manufacturer who can provide both Single and Double decked busses to the requirements of Surrey/operator. As Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company Limited have already placed an order with Wrightbus for a number of similar vehicles, we have, with the assistance of Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company Limited, negotiated the same advantageous terms and pricing providing value for money for the use of public funds while not disadvantaging the market.

Decision taken by:	Katie Stewart, Executive Director, Environment, Transport and Infrastructure
Decision taken on:	09 August 2023

To be implemented on:	The date of the signature of the Contract.

Alternative options considered

As per the attached Procurement Report

Summary of any financial implications

As per the attached Procurement Report

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

As per the attached Procurement Report

Background Documents

Exempt:

Procurement Report

Yes