

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET MEMBER REPORT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES****DATE: 24 JULY 2014****LEAD OFFICER: RUSSELL PEARSON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE****SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF THREE ON ROAD WATER TANKERS FOR SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To approve replacement of four existing water tankers at the end of their working life with three new on road water tankers.

Part 2 of this report, demonstrates why the recommended contracts offer best value for money and includes commercially sensitive information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the business case for the replacement of the on road water tankers is approved and the contract is awarded to the preferred supplier as agreed on the basis set out in the Part 2 report.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposal supports the Fire Authority's statutory requirement to provide a fire and rescue service.

DETAILS:**Background and Procurement Strategy**

1. In order to provide sufficient water supply to the incident ground it is necessary to support traditional pumping appliances with specialist water tanker vehicles.
2. It is proposed that three new on road water tankers with an increased volume capacity will replace four existing water tankers that are at the end of their working life. In comparison to the existing vehicles the new tankers will have additional safety features, lower maintenance requirements and lower fuel consumption. They will provide environmentally superior engines producing fewer exhaust emissions, which will not generate charges when entering the London Low Emission Zone.
3. Four procurement options were considered, and the preferred option was to purchase through the Welsh Framework. Leasing the vehicles was rejected as a recent tender exercise demonstrated that this would incur an estimated 20% uplift in costs.

4. The build of the vehicles will take between 12 and 15 months, from the date of order. On-going body maintenance and day to day running repairs of the new vehicles will be undertaken in-house by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.
5. The estimated lifespan of the new vehicles is 15 years.
6. As part of the market and procurement analysis, Surrey reviewed the opportunity to collaborate with neighbouring fire authorities in the SE7 Region through the South East Fire Services Procurement Group. All SE7 fire authorities were asked if they wished to be included in the tender process but none were in a position to tender at this time.

Key Implications

7. Appropriate contract management and monitoring will take place throughout the build period and reviewed at regular contract meetings.

CONSULTATION:

8. Key stakeholders have consulted at all stages of the commissioning and procurement process including the Cabinet Member for Community Services, Associate Cabinet Member for Fire and Police Service, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey Procurement and Commissioning, Surrey Legal Services, and the South East Fire Services Procurement Group.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

9. Significant risks were appropriately identified and mitigated. These included operational, financial, environmental and reputational risks.

Financial and Value for Money Implications

10. Full details of the contract value and financial implications are set out in the Part 2 report.

Section 151 Officer Commentary

11. All material financial and business implications have been considered as part of this report. The expected costs are set out within part two of the report. The vehicle purchases have been planned as part of the Fire Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Programme which has been approved by the Investment Panel and budgeted for within the 2014-2019 Medium Term Financial Plan.

Legal Implications – Monitoring Officer

12. Surrey Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) must comply with the core functions identified in the Fire Rescue Services Act 2004. These include extinguishing fires in its area and protecting life and property.
13. To ensure compliance with the core functions, SFRS has undertaken a competitive procurement exercise in accordance with EU Procurement Standing Orders, to procure three on road water tanker vehicles.

- 14. The contract offers the Council various protection mechanism such as ensuring that the vehicles are of the best available design, of the best quality material and workmanship, be without fault and conform in all respects with the specification supplied by the Council to the Provider. The contractor is required to comply with all applicable regulations or other legal requirements concerning manufacture, packaging, and delivery of the vehicle. The Council’s title to the vehicles will also be protected to ensure that it acquires title to the Goods upon payment of each instalment of the staged payments pursuant to the pricing schedule and the contractor shall maintain all necessary insurance to cover such risk and notify its insurers of the Council’s interest. Additionally, the contractor will be required to provide training to SFRS staff in the use and maintenance of the vehicles. To this end the contract will ensure that SFRS is able to comply with its core functions.

Equalities and Diversity

- 15. The new appliances body stowage systems have been designed for use by a diverse workforce with facilities to minimise manual handling injuries.
- 16. There is no requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) as there are no implications for any public sector equalities duty due to the nature of the goods being procured. However the contractor will be required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010 and any relevant codes issued by the Equality and Humans Commission.

Other Implications:

- 17. At the end of the contractual term, ownership of the contract will remain with: Surrey County Council

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 18. The timetable for implementation is as follows:

Action	Date
Cabinet decision to award	24 July 2014
‘Alcatel’ Standstill Period	28 July to 7 August 2014
Contract Signature	14 August 2014
Contract Commencement Date	1 September 2014

- 19. The Council has an obligation to allow unsuccessful suppliers the opportunity to challenge the proposed contract award. This period is referred to as the ‘Alcatel’ standstill period.

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Surrey Procurement and Commissioning
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Sources/background papers:

Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

BS EN 1846 Safety and performance

Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989

Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005

Health and Safety at Work (etc) Act 1974

Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER)

Construction and Use Regulations 1986