

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Tuesday 22 November 2011

PRESENT:

Councillor James, in the Chair.

Councillor Nicholson, Vice-Chair.

Councillors Mrs Apsinall, Browne, Coker, Lock, Lowry, McDonald, Thompson and Wildy.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bowyer and Stark and Doug Fletcher (Co-opted Representative).

Also in attendance: Councillor Michael Leaves, Cabinet Member for Community Services (Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability), Councillor Evans, Councillor Peter Smith, Councillor Vincent, Jayne Donovan, Assistant Director for Environmental Services, Chris Randall, Finance Client Manager – Capital and Major Projects, Giles Perritt, Lead Officer, and Katey Johns, Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting started at 10 am and finished at 12 noon.

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55. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the code of conduct.

56. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

57. **CALL-IN: VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES X15**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, in considering the call-in, heard from –

- (a) Councillors Evans and Vincent, having called the decision in with Councillor Smith, on the grounds that the decision maker had failed to give serious consideration to alternative courses of action and that the contract could have adverse financial implications.
- (b) Councillor Michael Leaves, Cabinet Member for Community Services (Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability), Jayne Donovan, Assistant Director for Environmental Services, and Chris Randall, Finance Client Manager (Capital and Major Projects), who responded that –
 - alternative courses of action had been investigated such as leasing and short-term hire but these options had been evaluated as more expensive

than outright purchase;

- the purchase of these vehicles was the first phase of a more strategic approach to analyse the council's entire fleet of vehicles, plant and equipment and determine the most cost-effective solution to resolving their current state of repair/condition.

Agreed that the matter is not referred back to the decision-maker and the original decision is implemented.

58. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

No matters of exempt business relating to this item were considered at this meeting.