

COUNCIL MEETING – 7TH OCTOBER, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 (3)

VARIATION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

A report from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21st September, 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

At its meeting on 21st September, 2021, the Cabinet received [Report No. FIN2116](#) on the latest forecast regarding the Council's Capital Programme for 2021/22, based on the monitoring exercise carried out during August 2021. The report included a proposal to add £235,000 funding to the Capital Programme in 2021/22 to support the food waste service.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 8th June 2021, the Cabinet considered the changes to the Waste and Recycling Service ([Report No. OS2107](#)). The report outlined the financial implications of the change in service provision and recommended to Council an additional revenue budget of £90,000 was required in the current financial year to deliver the new arrangements. This was approved by the Council at its meeting on 24th June, 2021.
- 2.2 As part of the ongoing discussions with SERCO on the Contract Change Notice it has been proposed that the Council purchases the vehicles required for the delivery of the Food Waste Service. A number of options were reviewed by officers which included both purchase and lease options. The most cost-effective option is for the Council to purchase the vehicles and to lease them to SERCO.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 21st September, 2021, the Cabinet considered and endorsed the proposal for an additional capital budget of £235,000 to enable the acquisition of the vehicles. This would be funded from reserves or from capital receipts anticipated during the current financial year (depending on the timing of receipts and payments). It is likely that the additional revenue cost will be below the £90k estimated in the June Cabinet report as a result of the Council purchasing the vehicles directly. Members will be kept informed of the cost of the Food Waste service through the regular budget monitoring reports.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The Council is recommended to approve the addition of £235,000 to the Capital Programme in 2021/22 to enable the Council to purchase the vehicles required for the Food Waste Service.

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