

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of Council 11th October 2023

Street Sweeping Arrangements

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Steve Brunt Strategic Director of Services

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To seek approval for the purchase of a large goods vehicle sweeping machine for undertaking street sweeping arrangements throughout Bolsover.
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REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The District's street sweeping arrangements are undertaken by the Streetscene Team, predominantly carried out using 3 compact sweeping machines deployed in the North, Middle and Southern zones. The machines operate mainly in urbanised areas such as housing estates with main classified carriageways swept by a large goods vehicle sweeper, bought in from North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) on a rechargeable basis.
- 1.2 Sweeping arrangements undertaken by NEDDC have been in place since 2013 and afford BDC 1 week capacity per month at a cost of £12,000 per year. However, due to operational issues Bolsover generally receives 8 to 10 weeks sweeping capacity per annum, which falls short of requirements.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Following the review of burgundy bin collection arrangements and moving to a fully co-mingled collection system (no paper caddy) it has been possible to reduce the number of recycling collection vehicles from 5 to 4. It is therefore proposed that the existing capital budget included within the vehicle replacement programme (2024/25) is re-allocated to funding a large goods vehicle (truck mounted) sweeper for sole utilisation in the Bolsover District. This would improve the sweeping performance on classified carriageways and reduce demand on the smaller compact sweepers, thereby facilitating an increase in their utilisation on estate areas and meet increased demand from new housing developments.
- 2.2 Staffing cost in operating a large sweeping machine will be £36,814, which includes on-costs. These may be offset by the £12,000 budget allocated in meeting works undertaken by NEDDC. Therefore, increased staffing costs of £24,814 (approx.) will be required.

- 2.3 Improved sweeping of classified carriageways will aid detritus reduction and in turn weed growth and silting of the highway drainage system, mitigating the risk of pluvial flooding (standing water) arising from periods of heavy flash rainfall.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To improve street cleanliness standards in Bolsover and increase versatility and resilience of the street cleansing function.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council could continue with current arrangements undertaken by NEDDC; however, it must accept that sufficient capacity will not be available to meet Bolsover's increasing street cleansing demand arising from housing growth.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Council approves the purchase of a large goods vehicle sweeping machine for utilisation in Bolsover's street cleansing arrangements by swapping an existing vehicle in the capital programme which is no longer required.
2. Council approve the increase in Streetscene staffing establishment by 1No fulltime equivalent and increased budget to operate the large sweeping machine of approximately £24,814.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Ann Clarke.

IMPLICATIONS.

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Finance

- The Council budgets £12,000 per annum to meet recharges from NEDDC for the undertaking of large road sweeping on main classified roads in the Bolsover District.
- Following the review of how burgundy bin collections are undertaken one less vehicle is required, for which is included £250,000 in the 2024/25 capital vehicle replacement programme. It is proposed to use the existing funds in the procurement of a large goods vehicle sweeping machine at £185,000 (approx.).
- Operating costs such as maintenance and fuel for a large sweeping machine will be containable within the current fleet maintenance budget (G033). These will be offset by the operating cost of the former waste collection vehicle which will now not be replaced.
- Staffing cost in operating a large sweeping machine will be £36,814, which includes on-costs. These may be offset by the £12,000 budget allocated in meeting works undertaken by NEDDC. Therefore, increased staffing costs of £24,814 (approx.) will be required from the General Fund.

Risk

- NEDDC like Bolsover will experience large property growth over future years which will place greater demand on their Streetscene operational resource, presenting a risk of reduced capacity to meet Bolsover’s current and future street cleansing requirements. Therefore, establishing Bolsover’s own in-house capability will increase capacity from 12 weeks sweeping to 52, providing opportunity to increase cleanliness standards on primary (classified) roads and reduce demand on smaller sweeping machines to increase sweeping capacity at urban housing estate areas.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The Council, as Principal Litter Authority, has a duty to maintain cleanliness of the highway and public land in its tenure in accordance with (s89) Environmental Protection Act 1990.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details:

- Fleet vehicles utilised in delivery of the service are procured and maintained by the Transport Team in compliance with the most up-to-date emission standards.

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

All staffing issues are outlined within the body of this report. Recruitment is always undertaken in accordance with the Council’s policies and procedures.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All indirectly

Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Cllr A Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Environment
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Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
N/a	N/a

Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
N/a