



**CABINET**

**1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM (10) - URGENT BUSINESS**

**CONTRACT WAIVER - RECYCLING VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY**

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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To seek agreement for a contract waiver to enable technology to be fitted to the recycling collection vehicles, already ordered.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<b>That Cabinet agrees the Contract Waiver attached as Appendix 'A' to this report and the allocation of £136,923 from the existing capital already set aside within the MTFS for vehicle procurement.</b>
<b>Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)</b>	To ensure that the operational efficiency and safety of vehicles is maximised and collection operations remain legally compliant.

<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Recommendation to Council</b>	No
<b>Financial Implications</b>	<p>(i) In December 2018 Council agreed to the new waste service design and to allocate capital funding for a replacement recycling collection fleet. A total of £3,960,000 for vehicles was approved. The following vehicle orders have been placed:-</p> <p>(ii) Five food waste vehicles at £80,190 each, so £400,950 total; and 16 x Recycling vehicles (12 x £121,670, 2 x £130,180, 2 x £99,800) totalling £1,920,000. A total of £2,320,950 has therefore been committed.</p> <p>(iii) A further £136,923 is now requested to fit the new recycling vehicles with tracking systems, 360 degree cameras, Load weight indicators and vision sensors.</p>
<b>Legal and Human Rights Implications</b>	Both Ubico Limited and the Council have legal obligations to protect the health safety and welfare of their employees and others. Cameras and vision sensors make a considerable contribution to protecting safety when manoeuvring large vehicles particularly in narrow residential areas.

<b>Environmental and Sustainability Implications</b>	None associated with this report - the Environmental benefits of the service changes were highlighted in the December 2018 Cabinet/Council reports.
<b>Human Resource Implications</b>	None
<b>Key Risks</b>	<p>(i) Failure to install vision sensors may result in an increase in accidents, endangering pedestrians and other motorists and increasing insurance premiums.</p> <p>(ii) Failure to install load weight indicators could result in a breach of legal limits for vehicle loads.</p> <p>(iii) Failure to install tracking systems may result in driver hours being breached.</p> <p>(iv) Failure in track and trace systems could reduce opportunities to maximise operational efficiency</p>
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>	Not applicable to this report.

<b>Related Decisions</b>	<p>(i) Council report, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - Future Waste Service Review (Minute CL.38 refers)</p> <p>(ii) Council report, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Medium Term Financial Strategy (Minute CAB.94 refers)</p>
<b>Background Documents</b>	None
<b>Appendices</b>	<p><b>Appendix 'A'</b> - Contract Waiver</p> <p><b>Exempt Appendix 'B'</b> - Individual costs</p>

<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	<p>(i) The Waste Service Review is a Key Task and as such progress and performance will be reported quarterly.</p> <p>(ii) Ubico's financial performance is monitored monthly and reported quarterly as part of overall budget performance monitoring.</p> <p>(iii) Any significant changes to service costs which are incurred once the new service launches will be reported to Cabinet, or Council if appropriate.</p>
<b>Options for Joint Working</b>	The Waste services across Cotswold, West Oxfordshire and Forest of Dean District Councils are managed jointly by Publica. This provides the opportunity for learning and sharing of best practice.

<p><b>Background Information</b></p> <p>1. Following the decision in December, new recycling collection vehicles have been procured through a tender process with an evaluation of the cost and benefits of each vehicle type available.</p> <p>2. Further detailed work has now been carried out to produce a specification for the technology which is fitted to the vehicles once they have been built. This technology is used to maximise the efficiency of the operation, ensure operations are legally compliant and protect the safety of Ubico staff and others.</p>
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3. These technologies can only be provided by the company who are building the vehicles and therefore this has not been subject to an open tender process. As a result, a contract waiver is required. If the costs were below £100,000 this would have been approved by the Council's S.151 Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer; however, as the total cost exceeds that sum, Cabinet agreement is required. The attached Contract Waiver and specification set out the technology that will be fitted and the breakdown of costs involved. The breakdown of costs is provided in **Exempt Appendix 'B'** as this information is commercially sensitive.

4. This matter is being presented as an urgent item, as the tender sums were not known at the time of agenda despatch; and a decision cannot await the next scheduled meeting due to the time required for the provision of equipment in the new recycling vehicles and in order not to delay vehicle delivery.

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