

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet Delegated Decisions

20 September 2024

TITLE:	Purchase of Maintenance Vehicles to support ANL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Charlotte Atkins - Portfolio Holder for Services
CONTACT OFFICER:	Matt Trewartha - Interim Head of Assets
WARDS INVOLVED:	All wards

Appendices Attached – none

1. Reason for the Report

1.1 To approve the purchase of three new light commercial vehicles to be used by Alliance Norse Ltd (ANL) for the in-house delivery of General Fund maintenance on behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC).

2. Recommendation

2.1 To approve the purchase of the three required light commercial vehicles following a compliant procurement exercise.

2.2 To grant approval for the associated capital budget of £127,500.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 Schedule 3 of the Service Agreements between ANL and SMDC shows that vehicles for the maintenance were not part of the Council's existing fleet and, therefore, could not be made available to the company to utilise in support of the delivery of services for SMDC.

3.2 There is a requirement to improve the delivery of caretaking, particularly across the public conveniences but also in support of General Fund assets.

3.3 There is an associated revenue cost to these capital purchases for maintenance and road tax of £2,505 each.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Aim 1 - To help create a safer and healthier environment for our communities to live and work.

4.2 Aim 2 – To use resources effectively and provide value for money.

5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 ANL could lease in vehicles to deliver the service. However, these vehicles are often not good value for money. **(Not recommended)**

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6. Detail

- 6.1 ANL is moving to create a larger in-house team of maintenance technicians to reduce the reliance on and cost of external contractors. This will enhance the ability to recruit and develop local people.
- 6.2 ANL is reporting that the recruitment is progressing well and that they expect to appoint four new members of the team to look after the SMDC General Fund in October.
- 6.3 The proposed vehicles will be 2no. Ford Transits (or similar) and 1no. 3.5 tipper.
- 6.4 Procurement will be undertaken in a compliant manner which follows the procedure used in the previous purchase of vehicles, as approved by Members in January 2024.
- 6.5 There is no provision for this in the capital programme currently. If approved, the cost of acquiring these vehicles would need to be added to the programme in-year. Revenue costs of capital financing amounting to 4% in Year 1, 6% in Years 2-6 and 2% in Year 7 would also apply'. Finance has been consulted and confirmed that the business case is positive for this cost to be added to the capital programme.
- 6.6 ANL has produced and approved a Business Case for engaging more in-house employees which is provided with this report. This demonstrates the financial savings that are anticipated by moving to recruiting more tradespeople than the current sub-contracting model.