

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property	Decision Number: D240033MEM
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Date: 02 April 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
ELECTRIC VEHICLE PATHWAY – USE OF CLIMATE CHANGE RESERVE TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PLANNED REPLACEMENT COSTS AND THE REPLACEMENT WITH ULEV AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES
Following consideration of the request, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property RESOLVED that:
(1) up to £27,000 be allocated from the Climate Change Reserve to bridge the funding gap between the purchase price of combustion engine vehicles and electric vehicles for the purpose of replacing 2 of the existing Council owned vehicles due for replacement in 2024/25;
(2) the Climate Change Reserve be used to facilitate the change of Council owned combustion engine vehicles when they become end-of-life to electric vehicles or ultra-low emission vehicles, subject to the acquisition of such vehicles and paying due regard to operational functionality; and
(3) the BMW i3 vehicle be added to the capital renewals programme to ensure it can be replaced when it becomes end-of-life.
Reasons for decision:
The Corporate Strategy identifies one priority as ‘Sustaining a borough which cares for the environment’ and in conjunction with TMBC’s Climate Change Strategy 2020-30 it does include a commitment to replace parking and enforcement vehicles with electric or ultra-low emissions vehicles.
This has been reflected in the last 4 years of Climate Change Action Plans as the action to transition vehicles to electric or ultra-low emissions vehicles. This transition can take place as and when additional vehicles might be required, or at the point at which existing vehicles are replaced at end-of-life, as set out in the capital renewals programme.

The capital renewals programme covers 'like for like' costs, that is the cost of replacing existing vehicles with another similar combustion-engine vehicle, however electric vehicles are more expensive to purchase.

As vehicles become end-of-life it is important to recognise that we need to review the opportunity to replace with EV's although we do need to ensure that the level of functionality is not compromised unduly. Operational demands and the availability of low emissions vehicles with equivalent functionality will be kept under review as vehicles become end-of-life.

Signed Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property:	R Betts
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Interim Chief Executive:	A Stanfield
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This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.