

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PLAN

Decision of: Councillor Owers, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

Reference: 15/URGENCY/S&R/01

Date of decision: 5/11/15 **Recorded on:** 5/11/15

Decision Type: Non-Key Decisions

Matter for Decision:

- To approve additional funding for a capital scheme already included on the Capital Plan .

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): As specified under Part 4C 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of the Councils Constitution, It was not deemed practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): **To authorise additional funding for the North West Cambridge underground collection vehicle of £55k, funded from £48k external contribution and £7k direct revenue funding.**

Reasons for the decision: As stated in Part 4C section 6.1 of the Councils Constitution, individual members of the Executive 'may take a decision which is contrary or not wholly in accordance with the budget approved by the full Council if the decision is a matter of urgency'.

Whilst an Extraordinary Full Council meeting is scheduled to take place on the 30 November this is solely to consider the local plan. The next available Full Council meeting is the 25 February 2016, therefore due to time critical need to purchase the vehicle it was deemed not practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.

The decision on placing an order for the vehicle needs to be made as the vehicle manufacture needs 10 to 12 weeks build process in the UK for then shipping to Europe in January / February 2016 to have the crane and ancillary parts attached. This will take up to a further 12 weeks, meaning delivery will be around June 2016. Staff will then need to be trained on the operation of the vehicle to start collections in September 2016. Delay in placing the order may mean missing build slots and therefore could push delivery back so that we are unable to

collect bins in September 2016 for NWC

When the original bid was made in 2012 the figure put in the business case was a best estimate as vehicle of this type have not been manufactured before in the UK. Until a full procurement exercise was carried out this year 2015 the final figure for the vehicle was not known

**Scrutiny
consideration:**

The Chair of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee agreed the decision was a matter of urgency as required under paragraph 6, Part 4C Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

Report:

**Conflicts of
interest:**

None

Comments:

This urgent decision will be reported back to the next Full Council meeting on 25th February 2016.