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Report of Councillor Mark Whittington
Cabinet Member for Waste and Climate
Change

Use of the ESPO Specialist Vehicles Framework

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Purpose of Report

The Council uses a range of specialist vehicles to deliver the waste and recycling and street cleansing functions. Approval is sought to utilise the ESPO Specialist Vehicles Framework for procurement of these vehicles.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the use of the ESPO Specialist Vehicles Framework (215_20) for the outright purchase of specialist vehicles until the expiration of the Framework on 30 November 2024.

Decision Information

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Clean and sustainable environment High Performing Council
Which wards are impacted?	All

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 Vehicles are procured according to a rolling replacement programme which is agreed annually as part of the capital budget.
- 1.2 The ESPO Framework Agreement is fully compliant with UK Public Procurement Regulations. Call-off from the Framework must be undertaken in accordance with the Council's own Procurement Regulations.

Suppliers are assessed during the procurement process for their financial stability, track record, experience and contract management, before being awarded a place on the framework.

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Legal and Governance

- 1.3 The total value of the procurement over the lifetime of the framework will exceed £200,000 and therefore meets the criteria to be considered a Key Decision by Cabinet.

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Climate Change

- 1.4 The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 30% by 2030 and achieving net zero as soon as viable before 2050.
- 1.5 Carbon emissions from the operation of the Council's vehicle fleet represent around a quarter of overall emissions, and options for decarbonisation of the fleet are currently being explored to reduce fuel consumption and support electrification of the fleet where possible. The framework includes a variety of suppliers, including options for electric vehicles where appropriate.

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2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The council uses a variety of specialist vehicles e.g., sweepers and tippers to support the provision of the waste and recycling and street cleansing functions.
- 2.2 Vehicles are replaced on a rolling basis according to an agreed schedule through the capital programme. According to the current programme, 2 compact street sweepers, a 12-tonne road sweeper and a tipper, with a total approximate total value of £460,000 will require replacement during the lifetime of this framework.
- 2.3 The ESPO Specialist Vehicles Framework is a multi-supplier agreement which covers the outright purchase of vehicles either by direct award or through further competition.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 The Framework provides a compliant procurement route and allows the Council to procure specialist vehicles from a range of different suppliers.
- 3.2 Specialist vehicles are required to support the provision of the waste and recycling and street cleansing functions which are statutory services.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 The Council could go directly out to the market for each vehicle purchase, however, it is considered that this is unlikely to lead to a more competitive alternative, as the benefits of the economies of scale bought about by using the Framework would not be available.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 Specialist vehicles are required to support the continued delivery of the waste and recycling and street cleansing functions.