

<b>PURCHASE OF 7.5T BEAVERTAIL LORRY</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>FOR DECISION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Protecting and enhancing our natural environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Our natural assets will be carefully managed
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Estates
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	£45,875

## **PURCHASE OF 7.5T BEAVERTAIL LORRY REPLACEMENT**

### **Detail**

To ensure the continued effective grounds maintenance regime, it is necessary to replace a twin axle van in service since 1998 (20 years old) which had reached the end of its useful life. The van has been sent to auction (receipt £800) as it could not be repaired as the chassis was severely rusted through and had holes in the floor of the cab. A hired-in beavertail lorry is being used as a temporary replacement. The lorry has proved to be more versatile as it can carry a larger payload and from a safety perspective eliminates the need for towing a trailer. The lorry also provides more flexibility during the 'off season' when compared to a van with its unenclosed pay load area and greater load capacity.

The cost to purchase is provided for in the 2018/19 Estates Capital expenditure budget and is estimated to cost £46,000 plus VAT.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Council approve to proceed to tender for the purchase of a 7.5t Beavertail Lorry to replace the existing van.