

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure

**Date:** 29 March 2016

**Decision in the matter of:** Redundant Winter Service Fleet - Disposal

**Decision:** That the whole fleet be sold to ECON at the valuations given for the individual vehicles, subject to the other interested parties being invited to bid for DY57 LYX on a simple sealed offer basis; should the highest offer exceed the ECON valuation then the gritter be sold to that bidder; if the bid falls short of the ECON valuation then the gritter be sold along with all the other gritters to ECON.

**Background:** At the meeting of the Cabinet on 21 July 2015 Members agreed to support the option of transferring the winter service fleet into the Highway Services Contract, including allowing the Service Provider to lead on the procurement of a new fleet subject to confirmation of obtaining best value for money compared to alternative options, with the final decision delegated to the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder; this was approved on 24 August 2015.

It was proposed that for the current winter season a replacement fleet be hired until such time that a new fleet could be procured; this arrangement would allow the Council to dispose of the redundant fleet and also avoid the substantial summer overhaul costs that would be required. Based on previous experience it was estimated that the sale of the fleet of existing gritters was likely to generate a capital receipt of approximately £100k at auction.

The Council's service provider has now sought a valuation of the individual vehicles from ECON, the suppliers of specialist winter service plant. ECON's estimate was based on the likely return we would achieve at this time of year. Following a physical inspection of the vehicles ECON have reported that the fleet is likely to achieve a return of approximately £72k in the current market.

ECON have also stated that having inspected the vehicles they would

be prepared to purchase part or all of the fleet based on their valuations. ECON have indicated that they would expect a decision on their offer within a month after which they would need to review their valuation. One of the vehicles (DK57 LYX) valued at £10,000 by ECON has attracted interest from a number of other parties these being ANSA, Willis Bros & Dodgsons.

Selling the bulk or all of the gritters to ECON would avoid the need for the authority to incur auction and associated transportation costs, eliminate the risk that some might remain unsold and would deliver value for money for the authority.

**Background Documents:** The background papers for this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor David Brown (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure)

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**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Paul Traynor (Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways)

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**Decision in the matter of:** Over Peover/Jodrell Bank 40 mph Rural Zone Application

**Decision:** That the proposed 40 mph Rural Zone application be submitted for approval to the Department for Transport.

**Background:** Speed and Road Safety remain one the top priorities for our residents and representation has been made by Members to explore the options available for delivering zonal speed limits within Cheshire East as a way of increasing customer satisfaction, improving road safety and addressing local speeding concerns.

The proposed application for the introduction of a rural zone of the Over Peover/Jodrell Bank Area supports DfT guidance for setting local speed limits, in that the network of minor rural roads within the proposed zone have speeds already in line with such a limit and are heavily used by vulnerable road users.

If the proposal is approved by the DfT it is also proposed to carry out a full before and after evaluation to obtain an understanding of the effectiveness of zonal speed limits for future programmes.

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