

**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL****COUNCIL MEETING – 24 JULY 2013****REPORT OF THE CABINET**

The Cabinet met on the evening of Wednesday 12 June 2013.

On that occasion, the Cabinet considered the matters set out below. Decisions shown in boxed areas are subject to Council confirmation; the reports considered by the Cabinet were available to all members in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

**1. Approval of Procurement Process for Capital Expenditure on Vehicles**

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Street Scene introduced this report and informed Cabinet that the Council's vehicle replacement capital programme included the replacement of one large and two mini - road sweeping vehicles in 2013/14, and sought approval for the proposed procurement process, contract award procedure evaluation criteria and weightings.

He also referred to discussions with Chorley Borough Council, through the shared financial and procurement service, that had identified that Chorley Borough Council was also currently giving consideration to entering a procurement process for one large and two mini - road sweeping vehicles, which could be done jointly. However, due to the different decision making processes and timescales, Chorley Borough Council had not yet made a decision. The report therefore proposed that, subject to Chorley Borough Council confirmation, a joint procurement exercise be undertaken to take advantage of the benefits that a joint procurement should bring to both councils.

The report also sought approval to incur capital expenditure for all three vehicles and to delegate authority for the award of contract for the one large road sweeping vehicle only, and that a further report be presented to a future Cabinet in relation to the award of contract for the two mini - road sweeping vehicles.

It was agreed that:

1. Authority be granted under section 3.4 of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £255,000 for the purchase of one large and two mini road sweeping vehicles.
2. Approval be given for the joint procurement process (subject to Chorley Borough Council confirming it wished to take part), contract award procedure and evaluation criteria and weightings, as outlined in the report.
3. All relevant provisions of the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts and in particular clause 26.4, for the reasons outlined in the report, be waived, and that the Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetscene, be authorised to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the supply of one large road sweeping vehicle.
4. A further report be presented to a future Cabinet in relation to the award of contract for the two mini - road sweeping vehicles.

**2. Select Move Allocation Policy**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Housing introduced this report which informed Cabinet that South Ribble Borough Council had been part of the Select Move choice based lettings scheme since 2006 and that since then there had been a number of minor changes to the allocations policy, the last ones being in 2010, and that each local

authority was required to publish an allocations policy under Part V1 of the Housing Act 1996 and the policy must provide priority for certain groups of people. This was achieved through the policy and the Select Move housing register

However the Localism Act 2011 had introduced a number of changes in relation to access to social rented housing: Local authorities could decide who could qualify to join the housing register Armed forces and ex – armed forces personnel were to be given priority and those who were adopting or providing foster care were also to be given priority.

In order to meet these requirements of the Localism Act the policy had been reviewed and a draft document produced by all partners which required wider consultation with interested parties before formal implementation.

It was agreed that the Council, in order to progress and implement the Select Move common allocations policy:

1. Note the contents of the draft Select Move Common Allocations Policy.
2. Give approval to enable the Select Move partnership to go to wider consultation with stakeholders and partners.
3. Delegate to the Director of Planning and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Housing authority, to amend the draft policy in the light of any representations made and to then implement the policy.

### **3. The Cabinet's Forward Plan**

It was decided to approve the Forward Plan submitted under section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000.

I hereby commend the report of the Cabinet to the Council.

**COUNCILLOR MRS MARGARET SMITH**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**