

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 29th September 2021

FLEET ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (Appendix 1 refers)

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Table 1 Executive Summary and Recommendations

Executive Summary

This is the fifth Fleet Asset Management Plan (FAMP) which continues to build on a structured approach to the management of operational vehicles, equipment, breathing apparatus and hydrant assets.

The FAMP is key in determining strategic decisions regarding assets and defining how resources are efficiently and effectively utilised. This will ensure that LFRS's vehicles and equipment provide a resilient service to meet the changing needs of a modern Fire and Rescue Service and the communities it serves.

Whilst the FAMP projects asset replacement over the next twenty years, in reality, the plan sets out an improvement plan over the next three years. The plan will be refreshed on a three-year cycle to ensure it continues to accurately reflect the operating environment. This approach secures stability in capital and revenue budgets and facilitates the introduction of new technologies through a staged approach.

The FAMP also covers short to medium term business planning improvement objectives. The Service's Fleet and Engineering Services department will continue to strive for improvement by maintaining a strong focus on customer care.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note and endorse the 2021-24 Fleet Asset Management Plan.

Information

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Running a modern Fleet is a safety critical operation which must ensure employee and public safety. This is achieved through best practice in vehicle inspection, maintenance, operation and procurement. LFRS also ensure compliance to Department of Transport and Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) regulations on construction, use and roadworthiness.

Key projects in the 2021-24 FAMP are:

- Body worn and vehicle CCTV;
- Battery RTC Tools;
- Aerial Appliance provision;
- Replace Command Support Units;
- Breathing Apparatus and Telemetry Equipment;
- A Greener, more environmentally sustainable fleet.

Running alongside the FAMP, Fleet and Engineering Services department also hold an improvement plan, which focuses on four key performance areas:

- Customer – building stronger working relations and meeting requirements;
- Financial – achieve efficiency savings and maintain a healthy replacement plan;
- Systems – continued development of asset management systems;
- Development / Growth – invest in staff training and development.

The above in conjunction with the FAMP ensures that Fleet and Engineering Services continue to provide the best possible support to Service Delivery.

Business Risk

LFRS must continue to maintain a healthy replacement plan to achieve an effective response service and to maintain a robust business continuity plan.

Environmental Impact

LFRS is committed to the Green Agenda, therefore, by progressively introducing a greener, more environmentally sustainable vehicle offering (euro 6 spec) will reduce emissions and carbon footprint.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

HR Implications

Fleet and Engineering Services will liaise closely with HR on changes to departmental structure employment contracts and or service provision.

Financial Implications

Capital and revenue budgets will be reviewed annually to ensure affordability is achieved. LFRS currently spend approximately £1.5m on vehicle and £0.5m on equipment and Breathing Apparatus assets per annum.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Table 2 Details of any background papers

Paper:	
Date:	
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Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate:	