



Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Record of an Authority decision delegated to an Officer as required under Regulation 7 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014

Subject of decision	Purchase of one (1x) Volvo XC60 Plug in Hybrid AWD.
Officer name	Anna Davidson
Job title	Assistant Chief Officer
Date decision taken	26 November 2024
Reasons for the decision	Trial of a Plug in Hybrid Officer Response Vehicle, as a pilot prior to the next Officer Vehicle Procurement Process due in 2026-27. Please refer to the exemptions from the contract standing orders, specifically 3.1 e – which states: (e) For the supply of goods, materials or services in any other circumstances where the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive is satisfied that there are proper service reasons for not tendering and that there would be no financial disadvantage to the Fire Authority as a result. The proper service reasons are set out as below: See Fleet Plan 2021-25 23056-fleet-plan-final.pdf - "However, there may be a requirement for a significant deviation of parts of the existing Fleet Plan whereby for example:...The Service has a need to develop, introduce or trial new technology or concepts which may present different ways of working or a different model of delivery to the communities served such as electric powered vehicles to reduce the service carbon footprint." The outcome of the trial / pilot of the Plug in Hybrid Officer Response Vehicle, will inform the future Fleet Plan and link to the Environmental Sustainability Plan.
Details of decision	The purchase of one Volvo XC60 Plug in Hybrid AWD, as a trial / pilot to assess viability as possible future option. The vehicle has been purchased as a single quotation. The Volvo is the only vehicle to form part of the pilot at this stage as it complements the existing fleet provision and forms part of the existing servicing and maintenance. The vehicle value is £46,975.50
Details of alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	N/A

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Any interests declared by a Member or Officer	N/A
Links to relevant background documents or information	See Fleet Plan 2021-25 23056-fleet-plan-final.pdf See Environmental Sustainability Plan objective - "Explore the use of all type of powered vehicles for the Service's light vehicle fleet". https://www.hwfire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/22081-environmental-sustainability-plan-2125-final.pdf

Signed.....  Date.....02/04/26.....

- Please note – as strategic lead for procurement I have signed this form retrospectively for our records, as one cannot be located. A review of the trial is to be conducted in 2026.

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