



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	Replacement Fire Appliances Scheme 147 2013-2014 Scheme 150 2014-2015
Officer name	George Sherry
Job title	Group Commander Operational Logistics
Date decision taken	8 April 2015
Reasons for the decision	To facilitate the continual replacement of essential fire fighting appliances which, due to the Fire Cover Review was put on hold from 2013-2014.
Details of decision	Purchase of 5 Scania chassis at £107,450 per chassis at a total cost of £537,250 plus VAT as part of the continual replacement process which commenced in 2005. In 2005 HWFRS carried out a procurement process and selected the first Scania appliances into the fleet. In 2008 the Fleet Strategy was approved by the Fire Authority which set out a number of key principles informing the replacement programme. The principles provide guidelines from which the fire appliance procurement decisions can be based and give structure to the overall replacement programme over the medium to long term. A fundamental principle of the Fleet Strategy is the recognition of the benefits of consistency in fleet acquisition.
Details of alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Vehicle chassis from other manufactures i.e., MAN , Iveco and Volvo were considered. However these alternative options were rejected on the basis that the challenges of transition to a new supplier with differing technical characteristics would cause disproportionate difficulties and in the short term would compromise firefighting and provision of rescue services.
Any interests declared by a Member or Officer	None
Links to relevant background documents or information	Fleet Strategy 2008