

**Single Member Cabinet Decision**

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| <b>Executive Forward Plan Reference</b> | <b>E2275</b> |
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**Cleansing Equipment Purchase (Phase 2)**

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| <b>Decision maker/s</b>                  | Cllr David Dixon, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods<br>Cllr David Bellotti, Cabinet Member for Community Resources  |
| <b>The Issue</b>                         | Following recommendations made by the Council's "Safer & Stronger" Overview & Scrutiny Panel which considered a report by the Cleanliness Task & Finish Group (and which has also reported to the Bath City Liaison Forum), a proposal was developed to purchase equipment to achieve improved levels of street cleansing. The proposal has been considered and approved via the Council's capital project review process and this decision confirms the necessary budgetary approval   |
| <b>Decision Date</b>                     | 11 July 2011  |
| <b>The decision</b>                      | The Cabinet Members agree to:<br>1. The planned investment in new cleansing equipment<br>2. The £220k Capital Budget.   |
| <b>Rationale for decision</b>            | The purchase of the new cleansing equipment is accepted as the most effective way of further improving standards of cleanliness in Bath   |
| <b>Financial and budget implications</b> | The estimated Capital cost (including 10% contingency) is £220k.<br><br>This project is part of the Neighbourhoods Services Vehicle & Equipment Asset Management & Replacement Plan. This is phase 2 of the City Centre Cleansing Equipment Strategy. In phase 1 £170k of equipment was purchased in 2010/11 and is in use. Phase 2 is to complete the required equipment fit-out.<br><br>The cost of the City Centre Cleansing Equipment Strategy and the Neighbourhoods Services Vehicle Replacement Programme as a whole is covered in the Neighbourhood Service Revenue Budgets for 2011/12 onwards. An additional £100k Revenue Budget was allocated to help fund the requirements for Bath city centre cleansing. This covers the bulk of the borrowing costs for the equipment purchase, as well as estimated maintenance and running costs for the city centre cleansing equipment. The balance (c.£25k p.a. 2012/13 onwards) is covered by existing Neighbourhood Service Revenue Budgets. |
| <b>Issues considered</b>                 | Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations  |

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| <b>Consultation undertaken</b>          | Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Local Residents; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer  |
| <b>How consultation was carried out</b> | Consultation was carried out during equipment demonstrations and by issue of draft single member decision paper  |
| <b>Other options considered</b>         | The Task & Finish Group explored many options for service improvement and made a number of recommendations. These have been progressively implemented leaving the proposal to invest in additional cleansing equipment as the key outstanding action |

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| <b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b> |  |
| <b>Date of Signature</b>             |  |

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**