

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2019

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM SHAREHOLDER SUB COMMITTEE – REPLACEMENT OF HTS (PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT) LTD FLEET

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This is a Key Decision
It is on the Forward Plan as Decision Number I010916
Call-in Procedures may apply
This decision will affect no ward specifically.

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** A loan to HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd (HTS) of £670,000 is approved, in principle, for the purpose of purchasing 43 new vehicles.
- B** HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd is requested to mitigate actions to alleviate any impact on climate change. In addition, to keep under review changes to electric vehicle technology so that they are well placed to take advantage for the next fleet renewal period.

REASON FOR DECISION

- A** To enable HTS to replace ageing vehicles as part of its ongoing vehicle refresh programme.
- B** To reduce HTS's carbon output following the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency.

BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting on 7 November 2019, the Shareholder Sub Committee considered a report to authorise a loan of £670,000 in order for HTS to replace 43 of its vehicles. This would be in addition to £300,000 from HTS's reserves.

ISSUES/PROPOSALS

2. The Sub Committee expressed a desire to increase the number of electric vehicles purchased by HTS. It was agreed by the Sub Committee that it should be recommended to Cabinet that the loan should be approved in principle. HTS would then be asked to carry out more work surrounding the viability of purchasing more electric vehicles during this round of vehicle replacements.

IMPLICATIONS

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Original report to the Shareholder Sub Committee 'Referral from Shareholder Sub Committee – Replacement of HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd Fleet

Background Papers

None.

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

HTS – HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd