

**NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN
GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE**

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Gateway 2 - Contract Award Approval - Light Commercial Vehicles for the Traded Services Division
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	The award of the contract for supply of light commercial vehicles for the Traded Services Division to Essential Fleet Services Limited with a total value of £1.88 million for a period of 5 years.
Decision taker	Strategic Director of Environment and Social Regeneration
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	August 2017
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The report appears on the current forward plan for a decision in September 2017, with the decision maker listed as the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm. Due to the lower than anticipated tender return values (as per the Council's contract standing orders, less than £2 million) the decision falls within the decision making remit of the Strategic Director for Environment and Social Regeneration. The next forward plan relates to decisions to be taken for September 2017.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next forward plan relates to decisions to be taken from September 2017. Vehicle supply prices are subject to variation by manufacturers. The award of the contract in August 2017 minimises any risk of manufacturer price increase impacting on the prices tendered by the successful bidder. Additionally, the award of the contract in August 2017 will bring forward the delivery date for new vehicles which are more fuel efficient and have lower emissions - this will help the council to achieve early compliance with the emissions standards for the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) covering the congestion charge zone, which is due to be introduced in September 2020. It will also contribute towards compliance with the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy.
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