

Subject:	Food Waste Vehicles	Status:	For Publication
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Biodiversity Impact Assessment:	Required: No	Attached: No	No
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1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That Cabinet approves the purchase 4 Terberg Orus 6 Food Waste Collection vehicles at a cost of £408,000 to meet the demands of the service.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Mandatory Food Waste Collections are scheduled to begin in April 2026.
- All Local Authorities need to purchase new Food Waste Collection Vehicles to provide this service causing a significant supply chain issue with vehicle manufacturers leading to long lead times for vehicles.
- Council has a budget of £511,000 New Burdens Funding to purchase the new vehicles so there is no direct cost to the Council. 4 Vehicles will cost £408,000 leaving sufficient resources to purchase an additional vehicle once officers have completed the route optimisation and service design processes.
- The proposal is to order 4 Terberg Orus 6 Food Collection Vehicles now to ensure the vehicles are available to deliver Food Waste Collection Services from April 2026 as required.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Mandatory Food Waste Collections are scheduled to begin in April 2026. The Council has been awarded New Burdens Funding of £511,500 to purchase food waste collection vehicles.

4. DETAILS

4.1 All Local Authorities have been instructed to collect Food Waste from April 2026 and have been awarded New Burdens Funding to purchase new vehicles. This has caused a significant supply chain issue with vehicle manufacturers. There are only 4 manufacturers who build Food Waste Collection Vehicles and as such there is a significantly limited market place. Officers have recently been advised by the manufacturers that the lead times for new vehicles is currently 50 weeks. The majority of councils are yet to place orders and it is therefore essential that the Council place orders for vehicles now to secure a build slot. The Council is able to delay delivery until nearer the go live date but in order to do this an order needs to be placed. There is no upfront cost to the Council and the vehicles will be paid for upon delivery which is anticipated to be between September and December 2025. There is also a significant risk of price increases as demand increases; by ordering vehicles now the Council will be able to secure the lowest price possible and ensure best value.

4.2 The Council has been awarded New Burdens Funding of £511,500 to purchase food waste collection vehicles. It is not confirmed if the service will need 4 or 5 collection vehicles and as such are proposing the purchase of 4 vehicles to ensure the Council can hit the Government mandated go live date of April 2026. If officers identify nearer the go live date that additional

vehicles are required the Council will have the budget available and will be able to order an additional vehicle.

- 4.3 Current price per Vehicle £102,000 – the budget allocated for vehicle purchase in the Food Waste Collection capital scheme is £511,500.

5. RISK

- 5.1 If the 4 new vehicles are not purchased, the Council will be unable to deliver the Mandatory Food Waste Collections.
- 5.2 If the Council does not order vehicles now there is a risk of prices increasing as demand for vehicles increases and the service will be subject to extended lead times which again may mean that the Council miss the April 2026 go live deadline.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 The Council has received £739k new burdens capital funding to enable the purchase of the vehicles and caddies/bins required to deliver the food waste collection service. The 4 vehicles will be purchased using the new burdens funding.

7. LEGAL

- 7.1 The vehicles will be procured via an approved framework ensuring compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. There is no requirement under the terms of the framework to secure the order with a deposit and the full remittance will be due upon delivery. All normal warranties will be in place when the Council takes possession of the vehicles.
- 7.2 Cabinet are required to approve this order as it relates to expenditure over £100k and it is not currently on the vehicle replacement programme.

8. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no immediate policy or equality implications arising from this report save that the Council is mandated to collect food waste from April 2026

9. REASON FOR DECISION

- 9.1 Food Waste Collections are scheduled to begin in April 2026 and approving the purchase of the required vehicles now will ensure the Council is ready for the mandatory go live date.

No background papers