



Purchase of vehicles

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 26 August 2016

Date of report 10 August 2016

Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. **Object of report**

To recommend that the Committee approves the purchase of five buses, in line with SPT's bus fleet replacement strategy.

2. **Background**

Members will be aware that SPT has adopted a bus fleet replacement strategy, designed to maintain the quality and reliability of the fleet, while doing so in a manner which allows prudent management of the costs involved.

The criteria agreed by the Partnership set out that vehicles will be considered for replacement at 7 years or 250,000 miles, whichever milestone is reached first.

3. **Outline of proposals**

Vehicle records indicate that five vehicles currently engaged on bus service contracts are at or approaching the 250,000 miles point and replacement should now be considered.

It is proposed that five 7.9m Optare Solo buses be purchased, at an approximate cost of £575,000.

Optare Group has indicated that, for this and future purchases, it is willing to consider trade-in arrangements in respect of any Optare Solo vehicles which SPT seeks to replace. This option is being investigated and, if found to be beneficial, will be taken up.

4. **Committee action**

The Committee is recommended to agree to the award of a contract to Optare Group Ltd via SPT's vehicle purchasing framework for the supply of five 7.9m Optare Solo buses at an approximate cost of £575,000.

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5. Consequences

- Policy consequences: *In line with Regional Transport Strategy.*
- Legal consequences: *Vehicles will be purchased subject to the relevant framework terms and conditions.*
- Financial consequences: *The purchase of buses at an approximate cost of £575,000 can be contained within the 2016/17 capital budget for the Purchase of Buses and Operational Vehicles.*
- Personnel consequences: *None.*
- Equalities consequences: *Maintains socially-necessary bus services.*
- Risk consequences: *None.*

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