

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	11th December 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Doug Christie, Streetscape Development Manager/Serena Van Schepdael, Finance Manager/RFO		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	9.2 Streetscape Vehicles: Lease and Chapter 8		
Background	Our Streetscape operations have 7 vehicles and a sweeper on hire for use in the day-to-day operations. The contract for 4 of these vans ran out in July 2025 after a three-year time period. The remaining vehicles are on a Flexit contract hire basis. The sweeper is under contract from 27.5.2022 until 26.5.2027. This report covers a lease extension and the requirement to install 'Chapter 8' safety livery on the vehicles.		
Updates	<u>Vehicle Lease Contract</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have been offered a lease extension of 12 months at the same cost as the previous contract. This will take the contract from 18.1.2026 until 17.1.2027. The cost per vehicle remains at £537 per van.• 2 vans have recently been swapped over, both within the approved budget spends for this financial year. These vans have been ordered with Chapter 8 installed. <u>'Chapter 8'</u> <p>Chapter 8 markings are essential for carrying out Streetscape activities on or close to the Highway to ensure compliance with road safety and visibility while working on the Highway. We have begun to update all the vehicles so they have the chapter 8 health & safety chevrons/beacons etc installed on to the vans, the 2 new vans have been completed for £440 per vehicle, we have other vehicles to update, as this is not an item that was budgeted, the request is that for this expenditure to be covered by the Capital Contingency Ear Marked Reserve as there is insufficient budget to cover this health & safety update. It has been noted for future budgets in the draft budget for 2026-2027 onwards.</p>		

Financial	The request is that Ear Marked Reserves are used to cover the Chapter 8 expenditure of £2,640.
Environmental	No implications for this decision due to a lease extension.
Equality and Diversity	No implications for this decision due to a lease extension.
Decision Request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 12-month extension to the lease with West Wallasey Fleet Hire Services. 2. To approve the use of EMR 320 Capital Contingency to allow the Health & Safety to update the vehicles.