

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council														
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7th May 2026 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall												
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer and RFO														
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7.5 Streetscape Vehicles														
Background	<p>We currently have a fleet of 9 vehicles:</p> <p>7 Tipper Vans 1 Sweeper 1 EV Quad Bike</p>														
Updates and summary	<p>We have recently employed a Countryside Ranger who requires a vehicle. The current budget is broken down as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sweeper [Dawsongroup]</td> <td align="right">£35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tipper Vans [West Wallasey]</td> <td align="right">£50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trackers</td> <td align="right">£2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency **</td> <td align="right">£2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td align="right">£90,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">**To cover additional vehicle hire should Flexi Hire vehicles to be repaired</td> </tr> </table>			Sweeper [Dawsongroup]	£35,000	Tipper Vans [West Wallasey]	£50,000	Trackers	£2,500	Contingency **	£2,500	Total	£90,000	**To cover additional vehicle hire should Flexi Hire vehicles to be repaired	
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<p>A new vehicle has been introduced from West Wallasey at an annual cost of £7,900; it is an EV vehicle. The current budget will be insufficient and will need to be increased; this can be completed via a virement of budgets.</p>															
<p>Within the Town Hall budgets, we have a line for Business Rates, which totals £28,000. Due to revaluations by the Valuation Office, the new amount due in Business Rates is £18,032, leaving a surplus budget. RFO recommendation is to vire the budgets across to prevent an overspend in Streetscape Vehicles.</p>															
Financial	<p>Part of the EV vehicle costs are being covered by an external works contract, and will be costed out in quotes for any new external work. For other vehicles, Sweeper and Tippers we received income from Cheshire East as part of the Streetscape Agreement.</p>														
Environmental	<p>No implications for this decision, but to note the new vehicle is an EV vehicle.</p>														
Equality and Diversity	<p>No implications for this decision.</p>														
Decision Request	<p>To approve the virement of £7,900 from Town Hall Business Rates to Streetscape Vehicle Lease.</p>														