

Report

Report to:	Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Fleet Asset Management Plan 2021
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise Committee on the outcomes of the 2021 Fleet Asset Management Plan

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2021 Fleet Asset Management Plan Key Facts be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on 22 September 2010, approved the implementation of an extended model for Corporate Asset Management from 2011. This included developing Asset Plans across a number of service areas, in line with CiPFA guidance, and summarised, under an overarching Corporate Asset Management Plan, which demonstrates how each area supports corporate objectives. The Service Areas are Property, Housing, ICT, Roads Infrastructure and Fleet.

3.2. The Fleet Asset Management Plan provides a key source of information and direction on vehicles and is key in determining strategic decisions and defining how the fleet assets are efficiently and effectively utilised. This will ensure that vehicles provide resilient services to meet the changing needs of the Council.

4. Outcomes of the 2021 Fleet Management Plan

4.1. The Asset Management Plan contains information and data relating to the Council's fleet of vehicles. As of January 2021, Fleet Services manage and maintain 1,632 vehicles with 35.6% of the Council's vehicles more than three years old.

4.2. Of these, 186 vehicles weigh over 3.5 tonnes and are, therefore, subject to specific statutory obligations under the Council's Operating Licence. Fleet Services also provide passenger transport services to Education and Social Work Resources.

4.3. Fleet Services seeks to assess cross-Resource Fleet needs and identify a preferred service delivery model which will reduce costs via efficiencies while continuing to provide a reliable fleet to meet operational needs. At the same time consideration is given to support the transition to a low carbon fleet based on opportunities arising from funding, evolving technology and infrastructure to support this.

- 4.4. As noted in the report to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 17 September 2020, the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019/2020 stated that we should 'phase out petrol and diesel cars from our public sector fleet and phase out the need for any new petrol and diesel light commercial vehicles by 2025'.
- 4.5. The current fleet consists of 709 cars and small vans, of which 171 (24.1%) are electric and 638 internal combustion engines.
- 4.6. Key Facts are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.7. Energy Saving Trust produced a Fleet Decarbonisation Report for South Lanarkshire to act as a route map to guide the Council along the pathway to the 2025 targets. An overview of the report was noted at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 26 May 2021.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications contained within this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The details of the Plan will influence future investment decisions and capital bids, however there are no direct Financial Implications from the production of the Fleet Asset Management Plan.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental implications

- 7.1. Under the climate change duties local authorities are key to driving behavioural change to reduce carbon emissions within Scotland and to meet national targets. By having electric vehicles within our fleet there would be substantial savings in carbon from reduced fossil fuel consumption. Based on 2019/2020 fuel usage, the estimated annual carbon emissions from the 638 internal combustion engine small cars and vans vehicles is 1,182 tonnes. This represents 18% of the total emissions from the vehicle fleet. The decarbonisation of light vehicles is very much a key consideration of the Council's Fleet Strategy and understanding the requirements and technology developments for the transition to ultra-low emission heavy commercial vehicles is also a future consideration.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant issues in terms of risk.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. The statutory Consultation Authorities have confirmed that the Asset Management Plan is exempt from Strategic Environmental Assessment as its implementation will have minimal effect in relation to the environment.

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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

20 May 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee Report, Fleet Asset Management Plan 2020, 15 September 2020
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee report, The Transition to Decarbonised Fleet Electric vehicles, 17 September 2020
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee report, Fleet Decarbonisation Report, 26 May 2021

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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Appendix 1 – Fleet AMP Key Facts

Number of Vehicles Operated by Resources

As of January 2021, fleet assets comprised 1,632 vehicles operated across all Council Resources. A summary of the assets is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Community	517	517	497	494	663
Corporate	3	2	4	4	4
Education	37	35	32	31	32
Enterprise	142	148	146	148	183
Housing & Technical	536	541	547	555	559
Leisure Trust	25	25	26	23	20
Social Work	143	143	151	160	171
Total	1,403	1,411	1,403	1,415	1,632
Year on Year Increase	-2%	1%	-1%	1%	15%

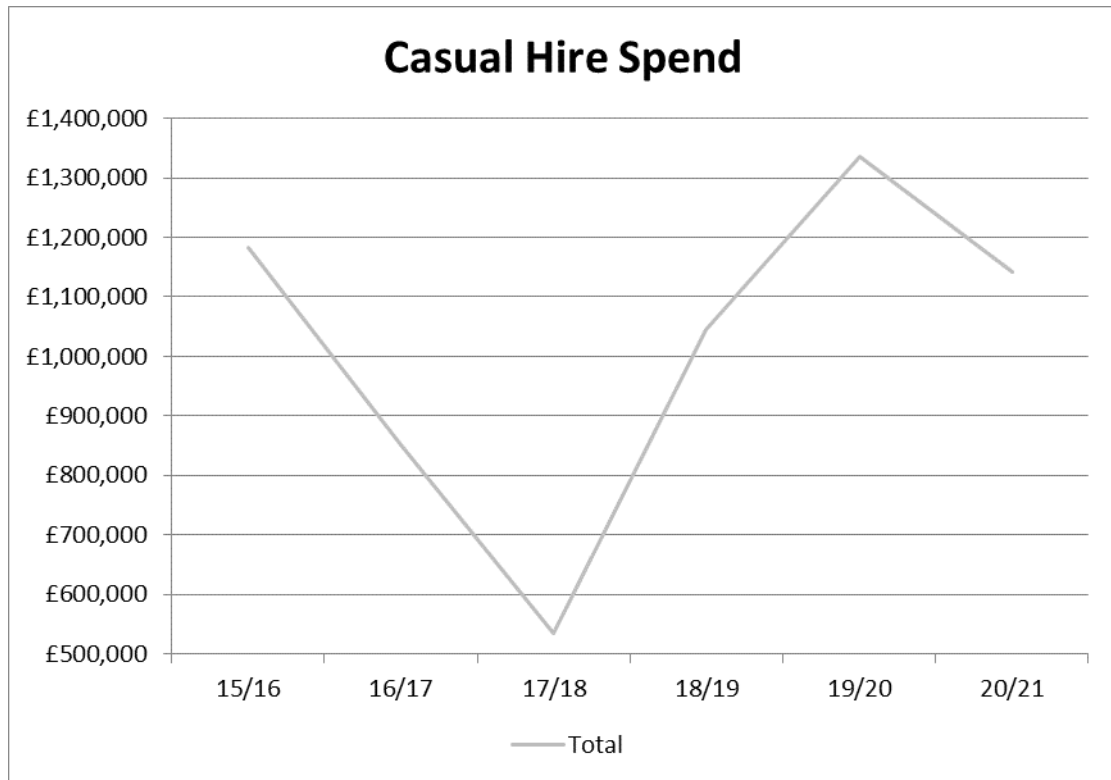
It should be noted that due to social distancing requirements within transport, the passenger capacity in vehicles was reduced therefore additional small cars and vans were required to enable the continued delivery of front-line services during the pandemic.

Fleet: Age Profile

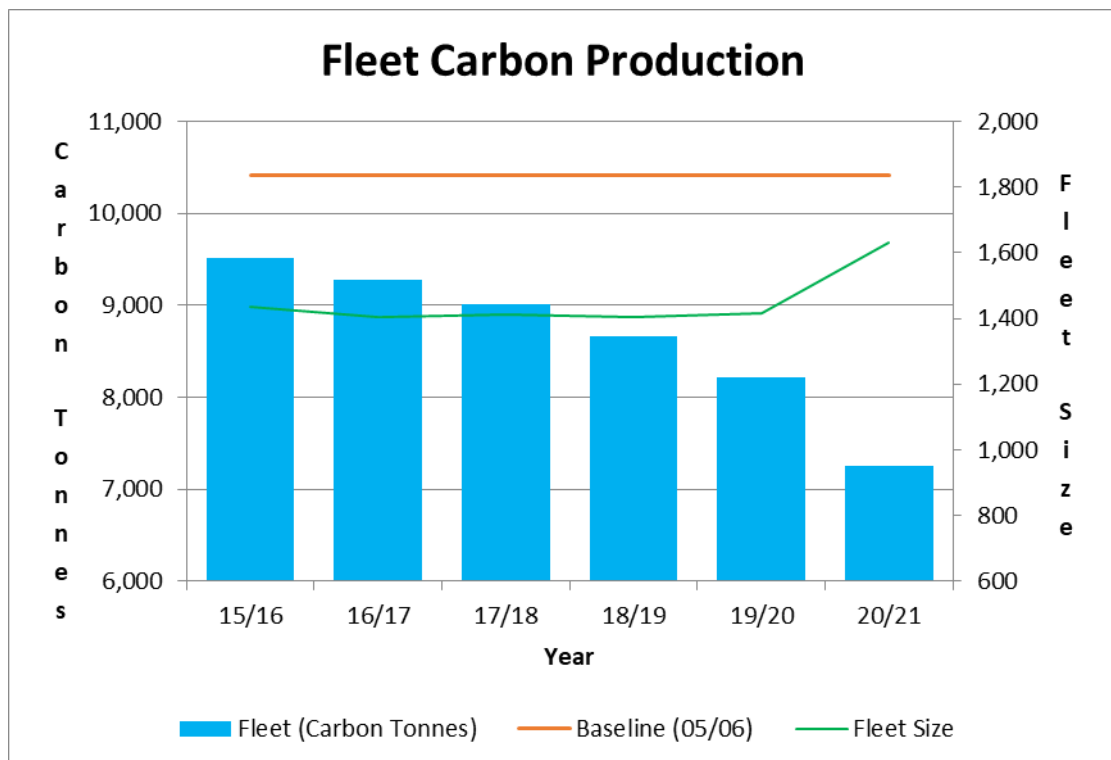
As at January 2021, 35.7% of the Council's vehicles are older than 3 years:

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
3 years and under	558	670	546	767	1,050
4 – 6 years	845	724	679	462	350
Older than 6 years		17	178	186	232
Total	1,403	1,411	1,403	1,415	1,632

Casual Hire Spend – Trend



Carbon Management



Carbon emission calculations are based on the Council's total vehicle related fuel usage; the totals reported above include emissions from plant and machinery as well as the 1,632 vehicles managed by Fleet Services.