

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRACTOR TRAILER
AGENDA ITEM No. 11

MEETING: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: 15TH JULY 2026

REPORTED BY: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request Members' consideration for the purchase of a new tractor trailer, and the bringing forward of a sum currently set aside for the 2028/29 financial year in the Medium-Term Financial Plan to the current financial year (2026/27).

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The existing trailer is used to transport bulk materials like soil, tarmac scrapings, and logs/branches, and was purchased approximately 20 years ago.
- 2.2 Over the years, the trailer has been repaired several times. Including repairs to the sides and tailgate, braking system, trailer jack, as well as both repairs to the floor and a complete floor, and has recently been taken out of use.
- 2.3 Due to the age of the trailer further repairs are required on the floor, the tipping mechanism, and both the structure and chassis of the trailer.

3.0 Current Situation

- 3.1 The Council already owns a tractor that is capable of towing a 6-tonne trailer. Purchasing a suitable trailer would maximise the value of existing assets and provide a long service life, estimated to be 15 to 20 years with appropriate maintenance.
- 3.2 The trailer would significantly increase the volume of materials that can be transported in a single journey compared to existing smaller vehicles, trailers or utility vehicles.
- 3.3 In managing the Council's finances and assets in a responsible manner it is not considered cost effective to invest significant further resources in repairing a piece of equipment that is close to the end of its estimated useful life.
- 3.4 A capital budget provision of £13,000 has been allocated in the Medium-Term Financial Plan in the 2028/29 financial year to replace two trailers at £6,500 each. The Council recently agreed to bring forward £3,000 from this budget to replace the mini excavator trailer.
- 3.5 Local dealers have been contacted to offer quotations from their respective trailer suppliers.
- 3.6 Each of the suppliers were invited to supply 2 quotes, the first for a 4-tonne and, a second quote for a 6-tonne option.

3.7 The table below shows the options, and estimated delivery times: -

Rickerby's	Fleming TR4	In Stock
	Fleming TR6	4-6 weeks
Lloyd Ltd.	D.W.Tomlin 4-Tonne	4-6 weeks
	D.W.Tomlin 5.5-Tonne	4-6 weeks
Thomas Sheriff	Marshall S4	4-6 weeks
	Marshall S6	6-8 weeks
GGM	Marshall S4	4-6 weeks
	Marshall S6	4-6 weeks
Kearsley Tractors	Fleming TR4	4-6 weeks
	Fleming TR6	4-6 weeks
Carrs Billington	Marshall S4	4-6 weeks
	Marshall S6	6-8 weeks

3.8 All trailers are comparable and include hydraulic tipper, hydraulic parking brake, and rear road lighting.

4.0 Policy Implications

4.1 This report complies with the Council's Strategic Aim 2: -
"To manage the Council's finances and assets in a responsible manner".

5.0 Staffing Implications

- 5.1 Operators need to hold C1E or CE entitlement on their driving licence for both weights of trailer.
- 5.2 A larger trailer would reduce fuel consumption, vehicle wear and staff time associated with multiple trips using other works vehicles.
- 5.3 By enabling larger loads to be transported safely and securely, the trailer would reduce the requirement for staff to manually handle materials multiple times. It would also ensure that loads are carried within safe working limits rather than risking overloading smaller trailers or vehicles.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 A capital budget provision of £13,000 has been allocated in the Medium-Term Financial Plan in the 2028/29 financial year, to replace two trailers at £6,500 each.
- 6.2 The Council recently agreed to bring forward £3,000 from this budget to replace the mini excavator trailer and therefore a total of £10,000 remains in this budget.

- 6.3 Below is a table of the quotations supplied by the dealers for each machine, including delivery: -

Rickerby's	Fleming TR4	£4,600.00
	Fleming TR6	£5,950.00
Lloyd Ltd.	D.W.Tomlin 4-Tonne	£6,975.00
	D.W.Tomlin 5.5-Tonne	£9,375.00
Thomas Sheriff	Marshall S4	£4,900.00
	Marshall S6	£6,547.06
GGM	Marshall S4	£5,100.00
	Marshall S6	£6,840.00
Kearsley Tractors	Fleming TR4	£3,950.00
	Fleming TR6	£4,950.00
Carrs Billington	Marshall S4	£4,625.00
	Marshall S6	£5,985.00

- 6.4 It is recommended that Members consider the purchase of the Fleming TR6 from Kearsley Tractors at a cost of £4,950.
- 6.5 Both the Fleming TR6 and Marshall S6 are comparable due to their robust construction, practical design, and strong reputation for reliability in local authority and grounds maintenance operations.
- 6.6 Both trailers offer durable chassis, heavy-duty tipping gear, and a well-designed body that is suited to transporting a wide range of materials, including soil, aggregates, green waste, and equipment.
- 6.7 The Fleming trailer represents excellent value for money, providing the required carrying capacity and performance while helping to minimise long-term maintenance costs and downtime.

7.0 Crime and Disorder Implications

- 7.1 None.

8.0 Equal Opportunity Implications

- 8.1 None

9.0 Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Implications

- 9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Assessment

- 10.1 It is not considered that the matter contained in this report poses a risk to health and safety of staff or to the financial or public standing of the Council to a degree that a risk assessment should be appended to this report.

11.0 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

- 11.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR?

NO

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that: -

- i. Members receive the report.
- ii. Members consider the purchase of the Fleming TR6, from Kearsley Tractors at a cost of £4,950.
- iii. Members agree to bring forward £4,950 from the remaining £10,000 capital budget provision for the 2028/29 financial year, set aside in the Medium-Term Financial Plan, to the current 2026/27 financial year.

Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator