



Title of Report:	Fleet, Plant and Equipment Renewal 2026-27 (Operations & Estates) & Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement Programme 2026-2029
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services
Date of Meeting:	10th March 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and transformation
Outcome	Provide and deliver service in an efficient way
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	March 2027

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	c.£2,185,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to
- i. procure vehicles, plant and equipment during the 2026-27 financial year and
 - ii. adopt a Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement Programme covering the period 2026-2029.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Operations and Estates functions are required to use a range of specialist vehicles, plant and equipment at various locations/facilities.
- 2.2 A number of vehicles have been identified for replacement due to their age/cost to maintain and/or are on hire. Replacement plant/equipment have also been identified to improve service delivery, efficiency and continuity.
- 2.3 A Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement Programme has been drafted to cover the period 2026-2029. The benefit of a three-year plan allows replacement vehicles to be ordered in advance and to offset lead in delivery times in excess of 12 months.

3.0 Procurement

- 3.1 Inventory of Operations vehicles/plant/equipment. See appendix A (tab 1).
- 3.2 Inventory of Estates vehicles/plant/equipment. See appendix A (tab 2).
- 3.3 Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement Programme 2026-29. See appendix A (tab 3).
- 3.4 Estimated cost of Operations and Estates fleet, plant and equipment renewal in 2026-27 is c.£2,185,00 (Operations c.£1,704,000 and Estates c.£481,000).

4.0 Options

- 4.1 Do nothing. If identified vehicles, plant or equipment are not procured additional strain will be put on existing fleet/operations/service delivery, with increased and continuing hire and repair costs incurred.
- 4.2 Procure vehicles/plant/equipment identified in order to reduce maintenance/hire costs and maximise service efficiency due to reduced down time.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Environmental Service Committee recommends to Council that permission be given to
- i. procure items identified in the Operations and Estates fleet, plant and renewal programme for 2026-27 and
 - ii. adopt a Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement Programme covering the period 2026-2029.

Operations Fleet Renewal 2026-2027

	Status - 2026	Vehicle Replacing	Year	Reason	Vehicle Required	Location	Budget	Approx. Purchase Cost	Procurement
2026-2027	Replacement	Single Person RCV - OEZ 1641	2007	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded - scrapped	26T Single Person RCV - Included in year one RCV replacement plan	Coleraine	Capital	£280,000	Framework
2026-2027	Replacement	Single Person RCV - VNZ 8338	2016	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded	26T Single Person RCV - Included in year one RCV replacement plan	Ballymoney	Capital	£280,000	Framework
2026-2027	Replacement	RCV - UNZ 6178	2014	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded - scrapped and currently hiring replacement	26T RCV - Included in year one RCV replacement plan	Limavady	Capital	£232,000	Framework
2026-2027	Replacement	RCV - RNZ 2561	2012	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded	26T RCV - Included in year one RCV replacement plan	Ballymoney	Capital	£232,000	Framework
2026-2027	Replacement	32T Hook Loader - YF14 HCH	2014	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded - crack in lifting arm in recent LOLER inspection	32T Hookloader	Coleraine	Capital	£165,000	Framework
2026-2027	Replacement	16T Sweeper - FFZ 4980	2011	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded - scrapped	16T Sweeper	Coleraine	Capital	£200,000	Framework
2026-2027	Addition			Addition due to hiring 2 vehicles from pre-2015 Limavady Borough Council	3.5T Crew Cab Caged Tipper	Limavady	Capital	£25,000	Tender
2026-2027	Replacement	Crew Cab - NX12 DSU	2012	Ageing vehicle replacement / body corroded	3.5T Crew Cab Caged Tipper	Coleraine	Capital	£25,000	Tender
2026-2027	Replacement	Citroen Relay - YNZ 5805	2017	Uneconomical to repair - engine and gearbox required at 160,000 miles - currently hire at £5,668 per year	3.5T Caged Tipper	Ballycastle	Capital	£25,000	Tender
2026-2027	Replacement	Citroen Berlingo - SNZ 7610	2013	Ageing vehicle replacement - limited battery capacity (20 miles on full overnight charge)	3.5T Panel Van	Limavady	Capital	£18,000	Tender

£1,482,000

Operations Equipment	Location	Budget	Approx. Purchase Cost	Procurement
Floor level compactors x 5	Limavady	Capital	£115,000	Tender
Garage rolling road upgrade - Upgraded weigh cell technology required for updated DVSA guidelines	Coleraine	Capital	£50,000	Tender
4 Post Vehicle Lift - Replacement of 1999 werther 4 post lift - Recent BES inspection concluded major repairs needed. Costed at £4,200	Ballycastle	Capital	£7,000	Tender

£172,000

Other Equipment	Location	Budget	Approx. Purchase Cost	Procurement
Vehicle kit out Operations and Estates 2026-2027	Borough Wide	Capital	£50,000	Tender

Total £1,704,000.00

Estate Fleet Renewal Programme 2026-2027

	Status - 5		Vehicle Required	Location	Captial Budget	Comments
2014	Replacement	TFZ 9884	Beavertail	Ballymoney	£67,000	Uneconomical to repair
	Additional	Van	Additional football van	Coleraine	£28,000	Additional member of staff - currently hiring a vehicle
2006	Replacement	SKZ 1497	Beavertail	Ballymoney	£67,000	Uneconomical to repair
2008	Replacement	Trailer	2 no. replacement trailers	Ballymoney & Coleraine	£20,000	Uneconomical to repair
2012	Replacement	Mower	Replacement Kubota collector mower	Coleraine	£30,000	Uneconomical to repair
1998	Replacement	Pedestrian Cylinder Mower	Replacement of 2 no. JD 220b cylinder mowers	Coleraine	£22,000	Uneconomical to repair
2014	Replacement	TNZ 5360	Replacement of van	Coleraine	£34,000	Uneconomical to repair
2014	Replacement	HRZ 8393	Replacement of van	Coleraine	£34,000	Uneconomical to repair
	Additional	Van	Additional van for Parks/Cemeteries	Coleraine	£28,000	Additional member of staff - currently hiring a vehicle
	Additional	Van	Additional van for Grounds Maintenance	Limavady	£30,000	Additional member of staff - currently hiring a vehicle
	Replacement	Mower	Large push mower to Scag zero turn	Limavady	£20,000	Uneconomical to repair
2006	Replacement	Mower	Replacement with a commerical pedestrian mower	Limavady	£8,000	Uneconomical to repair
2014	replacement	XNZ 8060	Replacement Kubota Front Deck	Limavady	£30,000	Uneconomical to repair
	Additional	Mower	Robotic lawnmowers	Borough Wide	£35,000	Equipment decarbonisation
	Additional	Van	Additional Team Leader	Ballymoney	£28,000	Additional member of staff - currently hiring a vehicle

£481,000

	Delivered
	In Progress
	Not approved

EQUIPMENT TYPE	REGISTRATION	YEAR	Location	END OF LIFE (Financial Year)	PROJECTED COST NEW RCV	R/ESTIMATES	STATUS
Year 2026-2027							
Mercedes RCV	UNZ 6178	2014	Limavady	2026 - 2027	£232,000		For Council Approval April 26
Mercedes RCV	RNZ 2561	2012	Ballymoney	2026 - 2027	£232,000		For Council Approval April 26
Mercedes Single Person RCV	OEZ 1641	2007	Coleraine	2026 - 2027	£280,000		For Council Approval April 26
Mercedes Single Person RCV	VNZ 8338	2016	Ballymoney	2026 - 2027	£280,000		For Council Approval April 26
						£1,024,000	
Year 2027-2028							
Mercedes RCV	HRZ 4954	2014	Ballymoney	2027 - 2028	£242,000.00		For Council Approval April 27
Mercedes RCV	UNZ 9055	2016	Coleraine	2027 - 2028	£242,000.00		For Council Approval April 27
Mercedes RCV	KRZ 2796	2016	Limavady	2027 - 2028	£242,000.00		For Council Approval April 27
						£726,000.00	
Year 2028-2029							
Dennis RCV	XNZ 2647	2017	Ballycastle	2028 - 2029	£251,680.00		For Council Approval April 28
Dennis RCV	XNZ 6780	2017	Coleraine	2028 - 2029	£251,680.00		For Council Approval April 28
Dennis RCV	XNZ 6781	2017	Ballymoney	2028 - 2029	£251,680.00		For Council Approval April 28
						£755,040.00	

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