
SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF ASSETS UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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Background Papers: None

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	Tables of Assets for Disposal	

Implications

This table provides a short statement of the impact of the recommendations in this report and/or a reference to the relevant paragraph/s in the report.

Will this report affect any of the following?

	Yes / No	Impact / Reference
Financial Implications	Yes	The disposal of obsolete operational service assets may support future Capital Budget for the replacement of asset(s), dependent on whether those assets are sold or donated to a third party.
Risk Management	No	
Legal Implications	Yes	When disposing of any obsolete operational assets the Service will be cognisant of and comply with any legal requirements that relate to those assets.

Privacy and Security Implications	No	
Duty to Collaborate	No	
Health and Safety Implications	No	
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	No	
Environmental Sustainability	Yes	The Service has a duty to dispose of assets in a manner that does not impact on the environment and complies with any current legislation.
Consultation and Communication	No	This paper supports the Fire and Rescue Authority's ongoing strategy for the disposal of obsolete operational assets.

PURPOSE:

To provide Members with an update on the disposal of obsolete vehicles and equipment assets.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority acknowledge the content of the report.
2. That Members authorise the disposal of the equipment assets detailed in the report which collectively have the potential to achieve income over the £10,000 threshold under the scheme of delegated authority.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This paper provides an update on the assets disposed of over the financial year 2022/23, and assets that may be disposed of over the next 12 months, under the scheme of delegated authority. The assets referred to within this report are obsolete equipment and vehicles. The Service has continued to experience difficulties in obtaining replacement vehicles due to the microchip shortage and the impact of the War in Ukraine. This has resulted in the disposal of several vehicles (mainly vans) being delayed, whilst waiting for the delivery of the new vehicles. The Service has also reallocated several vehicles due to the increased demand from departments for vans. The previous disposal of asset report (2022/23) indicated that the Breathing Apparatus (BA) sets and Fireground Radios would be disposed of during 2022/23, whilst the evaluations have been completed for the replacement equipment the replacement programme will be completed in 2023/24, therefore the assets will be continue to remain in Service and will be disposed of in 2023/24.
- 1.2 There were no rescue pumps or specialist appliances that were due to be replaced as part of the capital replacement programme, vehicle replacement was mainly small light vehicles, cars and equipment.

2. Disposed Assets

- 2.1 Table 1 (Vehicle assets) and Table 1A (Equipment assets) shows the assets disposed of, and their realised value. During 2022/23, some vehicles have been re-deployed following condition reports that were carried out by the Transport and Engineering Manager, demonstrating that vehicles that could have been disposed of based on time or their age, were still in a condition that allowed them to be used in some capacity within BFRS. The Service has continued to experience difficulties with delivery of replacement vehicles as a result of micro-chip shortages, which has resulted in existing vehicles being delayed for disposal.
- 2.2 During 2022/23 there was 1 vehicle disposed of with a value below £10,000. There were no vehicles disposed of with an individual value above the £10,000 threshold. 3 vans were due to be disposed in 2022/23, however due to an identified need to provide vans for 2 cleaners and at Toddington station, the vans have been retained. The total income generated from the sale of the vehicle was £2200, which will be used to support the Capital Budget for the replacement of future asset(s); see Appendix 1 for further details.
- 2.3 The Service also disposed of numerous items of equipment that had no value to the Service and would have been disposed of through waste disposal. These items were either obsolete therefore requiring replacement or had a lifespan which has been exceeded rendering the items unusable within Service. There was a total of 151 items of equipment that consisted primarily of a welfare trailer, Drone, life jackets, Holmatro RTC equipment, Tirfor winches and other ancillary equipment. These items generated a total net income of £29,482 after deductions and auction fees.

2.4 Following an appeal from the NFCC the Service donated 4 complete sets of Holmatro RTC equipment to the Ukraine.

3 Assets that may be disposed of in 2023/24

3.1 The vehicle assets detailed in Table 2 (Appendix 1) may be disposed of in 2023/24. The Service Delivery Asset Group (SDAG) will continue to evaluate the life of an asset following a vehicle condition report prepared by the Transport and Engineering Manager. The table is therefore indicative of the funds that maybe achieved through disposal of the assets highlighted.

3.2 Table 2 indicates that there are no individual vehicles that have the potential to be sold for more than the £10,000 threshold. This is mainly due to the lifespan of the vehicles being extended and re-distributed within the Service. A large number of vans that have been retained within the Service are due to be replaced, the Service predicts that the new vans on order will start to arrive shortly to allow the old vans to be released.

3.3 Equipment assets in Table 2A (Appendix 1) show those assets that may be disposed of in the next 12 months; this list highlights equipment that is due for replacement within 2023/24. It was previously reported that the Breathing Apparatus (BA) sets and fireground radios were due to be replaced in 2022/23 following completion of the tender process and that this would generate approximately £82,050 of income. Both projects have undergone an evaluation process and a preferred replacement has been identified. Additional funding has been approved by the FRA for the BA sets and Radios which will ensure that the equipment is procured during 2023/24. As a result, the assets have also been included within Table 2A for this report. A Tender has started for replacement Thermal image cameras and it is estimated that the old cameras will generate approximately £6,000. There is also likely to be additional equipment that maybe disposed of during the year, following an evaluation of condition.

3.4 There are several items of equipment that collectively is likely to generate income above the £10,000 threshold, with that in mind this paper also requests that Members authorise the sale of these assets at an appropriate time during 2023/2024.

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APPENDIX 1

Table 1: Vehicle Assets That Were Disposed of in 2022/2023

Date of Disposal	Fleet No	Type	Income Value £
March 2023	54	Vauxhall Antara	2,200
		Total	£2,200

Table 1A: Equipment Assets Disposed of in 2022/2023

Date of Disposal	Equipment Type/Name	Receiver of Goods/Charity	Income Value £
April 2022- March 2023	Welfare trailer, Drone & Ancillary Equipment, various other equipment etc.	Withams Disposal	29482
Nov 2022	4 x Holmatro RTC sets	NFCC Ukraine Appeal	Donated
		Total	£29,482

Table 2: Vehicle Assets That May Be Disposed of in 2023/24

Date of Disposal	Fleet No	Type	Chassis Type	Potential Income* £
TBC	53	Antara	Vauxhall	2000
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TBC	112	Movano LWB Van	Vauxhall	2500
TBC	107	Combo Station Van	Vauxhall	2000
TBC	120	Combo Station Van	Vauxhall	2000
TBC	5	Vivaro Crew Cab	Vauxhall	2500
TBC	121	Combo Station Van	Vauxhall	2000
TBC	122	Combo Station Van	Vauxhall	2000
			Total	£13,400

Table 2A: Equipment Assets Due for Disposal in 2023/24

Date of disposal	Equipment Type/Name	Receiver of Goods/Charity	Potential Income * £
TBC	Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC's)	Withams Disposal	6,000
TBC	125 BA Sets	Withams Disposal	31,250
TBC	400 BA Cylinders	Withams Disposal	40,000
TBC	270 Motorola handheld Radios	Withams Disposal	£10,800
		Total	£88,050

*** Note: The prices detailed in the tables above are indicative as the assets will be sold at auction.**