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SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF ASSETS UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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Background Papers: None

PURPOSE:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority acknowledge the content of the report.

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. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides an update on the assets disposed of over the financial year 2021/22, 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.

2. Disposed Assets

- 2.1 Table 1 (Vehicle assets) and Table 1A (Equipment assets) shows the assets disposed of, and their realised value. During 2021/22, 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.
- 2.2 There were 3 vehicles disposed of with a value below £10,000. In addition to this, there were 2 vehicles disposed of with an individual value above the £10,000 threshold. The total income generated from the sale of these assets is £50,400 which has been used to support the Capital Budget for the replacement of future asset(s); see Appendix 1 for further details.
- 2.3 The 2 light vehicles that were disposed of with an individual value above the £10,000 threshold were due for replacement in 2019/20, due to the condition of the vehicles they remained part of the fleet for a further 3 years. Since the depreciation of the vehicles was calculated over a period of 3 years, BFRS accounts record an NBV (net book value) of £0 for each of the light vehicles. Both vehicles were disposed via an auction with a reserve of £15,000 each. Due to the increase in the value of second-hand vehicles as a result of the global microchip shortage, they achieved £11,000 (in total) over the combined reserve price.
- 2.4 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 117 items of equipment that consisted primarily of Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) Fans, 2 x Flexi dams, 1 x inflatable flood rescue boat and other ancillary equipment. These items generated a total income of £13,850.

3. Assets that may be disposed of in 2022/23

- 3.1 The vehicle assets detailed in Table 2 (Appendix 1) may be disposed of in 2022/23. 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.
- 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 2022/23. There are several high value equipment replacement projects due for delivery in 2022/23, as a result it is estimated that hydraulic RTC equipment will generate income of £21,000, handheld radios £10,800 and Breathing Apparatus sets with ancillary equipment approximately £71,250. 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 2022/2023.

4 Implications

- 4.1 Financial: The disposal of obsolete operational service assets may support future Capital Budget for the replacement of asset(s), dependant on whether those assets are sold or donated to a third party.
- 4.2 Environmental: 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.

- 4.3 Legal: When disposing of any obsolete operational assets the Service will be cognisant of and comply with any legal requirements that relate to those assets.
- 4.4 This paper supports the Fire and Rescue Authority's ongoing strategy for the disposal of obsolete operational assets.

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Appendix 1

Table 1: Vehicle Assets That Were Disposed of in 2021/22

Date of Disposal	Fleet No	Type	Income Value £
March 2022	126	Response Car	19,500
March 2022	127	Response Car	21,500
May 2021	25	Medium Van	3,900
May 2021	130	Small Van	3,100
June 2021	131	Small Van	2,400
			Total £50,400

Table 1A: Equipment Assets Disposed

Date of Disposal	Equipment Type/Name	Receiver of Goods/Charity	Income Value £
April 2021- March 2022	PPV Fans, Inflatable Rescue Boat, Flexi Dams etc.	Withams Disposal	13,850
			Total £13,850

Table 2: Vehicle Assets That May Be Disposed of in 2022/23

Date of Disposal	Fleet No	Type	Potential Income* £
TBC	107	Small Van	1,500
TBC	112	LWB Large Van	2,500
TBC	52	Response Car	1,200
TBC	54	Response Car	1,200
TBC	53	Response Car	1,200
			Total £7,600

Table 2A: Equipment Assets Due for Disposal in 2022/23

Date of disposal	Equipment Type/Name	Receiver of Goods/Charity	Potential Income * £
TBC	21 Sets of RTC Cutting Equipment	Withams Disposal	21,000
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 £103,050

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