

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY		
DATE:	6TH MAY 2014	REPORT NO:	CFO/050/14
PRESENTING OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	AM SEARLE	REPORT AUTHOR:	AM SEARLE
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	GM LONGSHAW MR. JIMMY BRANNAN (TRANSPORT MANAGER)		
TITLE OF REPORT:	DISPOSAL OF COMBINED PUMP PLATFORM, MAN AND MERCEDES VARIO FIRE APPLIANCES		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To advise Members of disposal of the Combined Pump Platform (CPP), MAN and Mercedes Vario fire appliances at specialist auction in order to realise a capital receipt.

Recommendation

2. That Members note the disposal of the CPP, MAN and Mercedes Vario fire appliances at specialist auction in order to realise a capital receipt.

Introduction and Background

3. Due to the reduction from 42 appliances to 28 on 9th September 2013, several appliances have been identified as unsuitable for continued operational use. These vehicles are the CPP which is no longer utilised due to the alternate crewing of a support pump and Combined Platform Ladder (CPL) at Southport, the MAN appliance (a multi-terrain fire appliance) which was the support pump at Bootle/Netherton and the Mercedes Vario (a small fire appliance), which was the support pump at Kensington prior to both locations reverting to single appliance stations.
4. In order to maximise efficiencies from the fleet all front line and reserve appliances are now Scania's with standard rescue pump stowage. This has resulted in the CPP, MAN and Vario being held within Workshops for a considerable time.
5. The extant Authority procedure for the disposal of appliances once they have become surplus to requirements is to donate them to overseas countries such as Romania. The Authority does not currently sell appliances privately due to security issues such as the potential use as a 'Trojan' vehicle. The CPP, MAN

and Vario however are all relatively new appliances which are well short of the disposal age of 10 years and have a high residual value.

Due to the predicted value of the vehicles identified for disposal, it is proposed that they are sold within a specialist auction by the Transport Manager in order to realise the best possible capital receipt for the Authority.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. There are no equality and diversity implications contained within this report.

Staff Implications

7. There are no staff implications contained within this report.

Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications contained within this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. The sale of vehicles via auction will realise a financial sum for the Authority which otherwise would not be obtained. The longer the vehicles are left unattended and unused, the more the value will decrease.

10. A reserve price will be placed on the vehicles to enhance any financial gains.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

11. Any vehicles identified for sale/disposal will be appropriately prepared so as to ensure no risk to the receiving party/organisation.

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12. Any capital realised from the sale of the vehicles will be used towards the purchase of future rescue appliances ensuring the Authority maintains a modern and interoperable fleet.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CPP **Combined Pump Platform**

CPL **Combined Platform Ladder**