

	<p>Forward Plan Select Committee 29th July 2009</p> <p>Briefing Note 2 From the Director of Children and Families</p>
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
<p>Briefing Note Title: Future Acquisition Strategy For Brent Transport Fleet (Briefing Note 2)</p>	

Forward Plan Ref: C&F09/10-005.

1 Summary

- 1.1 At the last Forward Plan Select Committee of 29th July 2009 members asked for additional information. The information is broadly covered in the report to the Executive but for clarity the questions with corresponding answers are presented below.

2 What is meant by Option B?

- 2.1 The report does not make reference to an option B, however, the 3 options under consideration are as follows:
- **Option 1:** In house outright purchase plus maintenance continuing to be provided in house by BTS
 - **Option 2:** Outsourced leasing and outsourced maintenance
 - **Option 3:** Outsourced leasing plus maintenance continuing to be provided in house by BTS.

3 Details of Costings?

- 3.1 The estimated costs are detailed in paragraph 5.3 and Appendix A of the report. The estimated costs are summarized as follows:

Option		Year 4 Total	Year 10 Total	Remarks
1	In House Outright Purchase + BTS Maint	£4,728,067.36	12,291,258.98	Vehicles replaced again after 7 years
2	Outsourced Leasing + Maint	£3,544,755.97	12,315,520.69	Vehicles replaced every 4 years. Complete Fleet leased after 9 years when near steady state achieved
3	Outsourced Leasing only + BTS Maint	£4,459.065.57	14,565,334.07	BTS Maint @ £60.8 per hour vice Leasing Company's £40 per hour

4 Implications with regard to the future of the depot?

4.1 Broadly speaking this report is concerned only with how vehicles are acquired and not with how BTS provides its service. Although the future use of the depot to some extent would depend on the final outcome i.e. which of the options are chosen and the response from bidders the most probable outcome would be that the existing depot would continue to be used. Although it is possible (but unlikely) that whoever is selected to provide the vehicles may have their own depot the fact that the service has to be run locally and BTS currently has a lease for the existing premises means that it is much more likely that the current depot will continue to be required with only the way vehicles are acquired and maintained changing.

5 Who was responsible for making the final decision?

5.1 The Executive will make the final decision.

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