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100% Vehicle Availability For Northampton Borough Council

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the contract to provide and maintain Northampton Borough Council's new fleet of property services vehicles.



Out with the old and in with the new at Northampton

Our 'home' authority, we have been providing vehicles to the Council for some 8 years and we are delighted to continue our long-standing relationship.

Councillor Mary Markham, Northampton Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Housing said: "Our Property Services team rely on their vehicles to ensure high levels of productivity. SFS met all of our requirements including out of hours servicing and delivery and collection of vehicles to ensure we can deliver the level of service our tenants expect and deserve."

The fleet comprises a combination of Citroën vans, Isuzu tipplers and hook lifts, all with Euro 5 diesel engines for low noise and low emissions, and our response to the tender offered value for money as well as a number of special features designed to enhance the efficiency of the service.

The vehicles will be fitted with the Fleetmatics tracking and information system with Garmin in-cab units for two-way communications, including text alerts. To further increase the productivity of the service we have arranged for specialist racking to be installed in those vehicles used by tradesmen, such as electricians and plumbers, to allow for the storage of tools, equipment and materials.

The Authority is also switching over to our superior web-based FleetWave management system, for scheduling work, servicing and repairs, as well as monitoring the fleet and providing a range of management information.

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Keeping It Local In Tendring

In keeping with Tendring District Council's (TDC) policy to purchase locally we have sourced a new fleet of vehicles for its Horticultural Services Department from a local dealership.



With pic (L to R): Mick Simson, TDC's Parking and Community Supervisor; Tom Mosey and Andy Mosey from Holland-on-Sea Motors; Pam Sambridge, TDC's Cabinet Member for Technical Services; and Jim Morrison, Senior Fleet Manager for SFS with the four new Citroën vehicles.

Pam Sambridge, TDC's Cabinet Member for Technical Services, said that every effort is made to deal with local firms wherever possible:

"We have promised to try to source goods and services locally where the deal is right and offers value for tax payers' money," she said.

"You could say this particular deal is a case of putting our money where our mouth is."

The vehicles comprise: 3 x 3.5 tonne Citroën Relay Tipplers; 1x Citroën Berlingo long-wheel based van that has been specially converted for secure cash collection with slam locks and a tracker system; and 1x Ford Ranger 4-wheel drive vehicle. They will be used to maintain open spaces including seafront gardens, recreation grounds, cemeteries and open spaces around Council housing.

The five-year contract hire agreement includes maintenance, which we have agreed for local Citroën dealer, Holland-On-Sea Motors, to carry out on our behalf. This means that the vehicles will never have to leave the local area, reducing the distance they will need to travel.

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