

## Great Value For Money for Hinckley & Bosworth

In 2010 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council turned to SFS to provide a fleet to facilitate their new twinstream model recycling service, replacing the previous source-segregated kerbside recycling system.

As part of a tendering and procurement process SFS were awarded the contract to supply nine new refuse collection vehicles to deliver a newly structured service, following a major public consultation. To avoid any confusion amongst residents the refuse vehicles were colour-coded according to their load. Green vehicles to collect green waste, blue trucks for dry recyclables and white vehicles for refuse.

The new system has cut down the number of collection rounds and the number of vehicles required, saving the Borough £250,000.

The contract includes the provision of a comprehensive maintenance package comprising workshop management, service scheduling, vehicle certification, 'O' licence compliance, MOT testing, accident management, breakdown support, driver training, vehicle disposal, technical advice and consultancy.

SFS, a member of Paragon Bank and a leading supplier of municipal vehicles and maintenance services, first began working with Hinckley & Bosworth when it took over the running of the authority's workshop in 2005, investing in new equipment and infrastructure, and supplying vehicles.

The provision of street cleansing and general-purpose vehicles also formed part of the contract

Mike Brymer, Chief Officer, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council said: "We have a good working relationship with SFS because they understand our needs. The contract offers great value for money. We have a fleet of state of the art and fit for purpose vehicles, incorporating the latest safety and lighting technology, and a comprehensive fleet management and maintenance service that goes above and beyond our specification."

Bob Sweetland, Managing Director, SFS Ltd, said: "We're delighted to have been selected as the supplier of choice and look forward to continuing working with Hinckley & Bosworth. As part of the contract we have installed a new 'bells and whistles' fleet management system, to ensure all the vehicles are fully compliant, serviced and well maintained at all times."

SFS continues to provide vehicles to Hinckley & Bosworth on an ongoing basis, including service vehicles for housing services and grounds maintenance.

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