

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**Officer:** Stuart Farmer. Projects Manager

**TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW MAYORAL VEHICLE**

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**Purpose of Report**

To update the committee regarding the purchase or lease of a replacement mayoral vehicle.

**Background**

The current mayoral vehicle is a Volvo S80 registered in 2005 making the vehicle now 16 years old and it is now showing its age. The current Volvo is Diesel powered and does not meet the requirements for the new clean air zones that are being introduced throughout the country.

The Projects Manager was tasked prior to COVID with sourcing a new mayoral vehicle and several trials of vehicles have taken place. Following a resolution at council only electric vehicles are to be considered for this purpose in line with the councils Climate Emergency plans.

The option of a lease for this vehicle was put in to this tender this was due to the way technology is progressing and it was felt that a 3/5 year period will see huge advances in the battery life and range

**Vehicles trialled**

Over the extended period of time the Project officer has been working on this several trials of vehicles have occurred including

- Toyota Avensis – This has been removed due to it being hybrid.
- Renault Zoe
- Nissan Leaf
- Citroen C4
- Peugeot 2008
- MG M5
- Kia Niro

Further All-Electric vehicles are available but at far higher costs. These vehicles had been deemed to be in the more affordable range.

**Findings Following Tender Process**

7 submissions were received from 4 suppliers all were Shrewsbury Based, 2 of these were submitted as lease hire agreements over 3 years.

The lease agreement has been explored further with Furrows of Shrewsbury as the Kia e-Niro was deemed as the best option of all tried.

The Kia e-Niro has a purchase price of £34,945.00 to buy out right. The lease hire costing for the vehicle has come out at £373.53 per month giving a total cost of £14,194.14 over the 3 years. This price includes a complete service rental with servicing and tyres when required as well as any breakdown issues. Following a visit to Furrows in Shrewsbury with the Projects Manager and Town Clerk the order for this vehicle has been placed with an expected delivery date in October 2021.

**Summary**

To summarise the Kia e-Niro was deemed as best value and has been ordered through Furrows of Shrewsbury. Expected delivery date October 2021.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) The report be noted.