
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 21 August 2025

Subject: Disposal of SL1

Report by: Strategic Director: Place

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to terminate the agreement between Clackmannanshire Council and the Earl of Mar in respect to the use of SL1 licence plate on or around the year 1996 ("Agreement") on the vehicle used for civic purposes together with the sale of the civic vehicle to the Earl of Mar.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Council is recommended to:
- 2.1.1. **APPROVE** to agree to the termination the Agreement which includes relinquish all rights associated with the use of the SL1 licence plate as outlined within paragraph 3.1 of this report;
- 2.1.2. **APPROVE** the sale of the civic vehicle as part of a private sale for the value outline within paragraph 4.4 of this report; otherwise,
- 2.1.3. **NOTE** the contents of this report.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Officers have been approached by the Earl of Mar requesting that the Council considers terminating the Agreement which permitted the Council to utilise the prestige licence plate 'SL1' on loan, as part of the civic vehicle prior to the expiry date. The conditions associated with this agreement were that the loan would be a lifetime loan to be returned to the Earl of Mar estate on his death or in the event that Clackmannanshire Council be stood down and merged with another Council.
- 3.2. The Earl of Mar is looking to use the licence plate during his lifetime and has confirmed his willingness to acquire the civic vehicle as a concession to the early termination of the Agreement.

4.0 Current Use and Costs

- 4.1. Over the past two and a half years, SL1 has been underutilised having only travelled 1,044 miles in that period broken down as follows:
 - 4.1.1. 2025-26 – 124 miles (to date)
 - 4.1.2. 2024-25 – 518 miles
 - 4.1.3. 2023-24 – 402 miles
- 4.2. Additionally, the council is required to tax and MOT the vehicle annually as well as renew tyres and maintain upkeep, all of which impacts Fleet Services' general fund spend.
- 4.3. Additionally, the Council has found it challenging at times to utilise the vehicle given that it does not comply with recent Local Emission Zones that operate within other local authority areas, resulting in the Council requiring to hire vehicles for civic events in those localities, albeit a rare occasion.
- 4.4. The Council's Fleet Management Section has appraised the vehicle as being valued at circa £2,500 and it is recommended that Council agrees to the sale of the vehicle to the Earl of Mar, relinquishing the hold on the SL1 Licence Plate as part of the previous agreement of 1996.

5.0 Sustainability Implications

- 5.1. The current vehicle, whilst having been maintained in good condition for its age, no longer meets current emissions restrictions operating in a number of localities within Scotland.
- 5.2. The vehicle is not utilised enough to warrant a replacement that would be emissions compliant or environmentally considerate as a hybrid or electric vehicle may be.

6.0 Resource Implications

6.1. Financial Details

- 6.2. The recommendations within this report will result in a capital receipt as outlined within paragraph 4.4, whilst also reducing our maintenance costs modestly as referenced within paragraph 4.2 above.
- 6.3. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes ☒

- 6.4. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes ☒

6.5. Staffing

- 6.5.1. There are no staffing implications resulting from this report.

7.0 Exempt Reports

7.1. Is this report exempt? Yes ☐ (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No ☒

8.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) Our Priorities

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all ☐

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life ☐

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential ☐

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish ☐

(2) Council Policies

Complies with relevant Council Policies ☒

9.0 Equalities Impact

9.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes ☐ No ☒

10.0 Legality

10.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☒

11.0 Appendices

11.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

10.1.1 None.

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes ☐ (please list the documents below) No ☒

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