

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 26TH APRIL 2023
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE
AUTHOR: ANDREW LEADBETTER

SUBJECT: DONATION OF FURTHER ASSETS TO SUPPORT
FIREFIGHTERS IN UKRAINE

Purpose of Report

1. To allow Members to determine whether they wish to donate further assets to support firefighters in Ukraine.

Recommended: That Members

[1] Approve the donation of two vehicles to support firefighters in Ukraine.

Background

2. The UK Government has provided significant support to Ukraine. Members will recall that the Home Office has previously co-ordinated the donation of firefighting vehicles and equipment and that Cheshire was able to respond positively, supplying five vehicles and a range of equipment.

Information

3. A further request to fire and rescue services for donations was made recently by the Home Office. The NFCC, working with FireAid, is co-ordinating the response.
4. Officers have identified two 59 plate Midi Appliance/TRV vehicles which could be donated. The vehicles are not in operational use and therefore, their donation will not impact upon service provision, nor compromise the safety of our firefighters.
5. The vehicles have been allocated to two cadet units. If the vehicles are donated to Ukraine they will be replaced by portable pumps from stock.

Financial Implications

6. The Financial Rules require donations over £20k to be approved by the Fire Authority. The vehicles are shown as having no value in the asset register. However, they do have a market value, albeit this is difficult to assess. For the purpose of reporting to Members officers suggest that the vehicles could attract £10k to £12k each if a buyer could be found. However, the Service had no plans to sell the vehicles; ultimately they would have been scrapped.

Legal Implications

7. There are none.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are none.

Environmental Implications

9. There are none.

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