Extension to Leased Works Vehicle – Isuzu Trooper

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to extend the lease of the Council's Isuzu Trooper works vehicle from 48 months to the maximum available term of 60 months.

Background

The Council has held the Isuzu Trooper from new under a 48-month lease. The current lease is due to end in June 2027.

The vehicle has covered only 4,547 miles and is reported to have no known faults or condition issues. This is well below the 25,000-mile allowance for a 60-month lease term. Its low mileage and satisfactory condition indicate that it remains suitable for continued use as the Council's works vehicle.

Lease Extension

Item	Current arrangement	Proposed arrangement
Lease term	48 months	60 months
Monthly cost	£389.77	£366.26
Lease end	June 2027	June 2028

The proposed 60-month term is the maximum lease length available. The monthly payment would reduce by £23.51, from £389.77 to £366.26.

Reasons for the Extension

Extending the lease avoids the need to budget for a replacement vehicle in the 2027/28 financial year.

The additional 12 months will allow the Council more time to assess operational needs and consider alternative vehicle options before committing to a replacement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council approves extending the lease of the Isuzu Trooper from 48 months to the maximum term of 60 months at a monthly cost of £366.26.