

# OFFICER DECISION NOTICE



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<b>1. Title of decision:</b>	Decision to direct award a contract for Simpler Recycling Glass Collection Vehicles (18T x 5 units)
<b>2. Date of the decision:</b>	05 February 2026
<b>3. The decision maker:</b>	Executive Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

## 4. Decision details:

It has been agreed to proceed with a direct award for the procurement of a goods supply contract, in accordance with the approved Procurement Strategy by Procurement Board, to **Terberg Matec UK**. The supplier will supply five (5) units HGV 18T Glass Collection Vehicles, each fitted with an Orus Plus 14 HD Body and Dennis Elite + 18T Narrow Chassis.

The contract will be awarded via a call-off under TPPL framework: TPPL Reading Borough Council NEPO HGV Lot 2-5 x 18t Glass Collection Vehicle (28242).

This contract is an outright purchase.

## 5. Reasons for the decision:

Due to the geography and road layout across Reading, the Council is constrained in the types of vehicles it can operate. The refuse collection vehicle (RCV) fleet must have a low-entry cab, narrow-track, and rear-steer capability to safely navigate the road network. This requirement limits the market to Terberg / Dennis Eagle, the sole manufacturer of the Dennis Eagle Elite + Narrow chassis.

The specification for the glass collection vehicles is subject to similar constraints in respect of low-entry cabs and narrow-track design. However, as these are 18-tonne vehicles (rather than 26-tonne EV RCVs), rear-steer capability is not required due to the shorter chassis and single rear axle. Again, Terberg/Dennis Eagle is the only supplier able to meet these operational requirements.

As a result of this single-supplier position, the procurement of these vehicles has necessarily followed a direct-award route via TPPL framework. Terberg is the sole manufacturer able to supply the specialist body required (Terberg – Orus 14).

Policy Committee, 21 July 2025, Minute 10 refers

**6. Alternative options considered (if any) and rejected:**

None.

**7. List of open Background Papers:**

None.

**8. List of confidential or exempt Background Papers:**

None.

**9. Any other matters taken into consideration:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Legitimate expectation of consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Procedural requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental or Climate Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management implications
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparency of Information (FOI etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Act Duties	<input type="checkbox"/> Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory duties	<input type="checkbox"/> EU withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Details of the matters taken into account:**

**10. Legal considerations**

Waste collection authorities are responsible for collecting household waste. They must collect the recyclable household waste streams for recycling or composting or arrange for a private waste collector to do so, where there is a duty to collect waste under section 45(1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 45A will apply in England.

The UK Government's Simpler Recycling initiative was published by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) on 29 November 2024. The initiative is part of the broader Environment Act 2021, and it introduces standardised collections across the Country, with the same materials being recyclable everywhere regardless of location

A call-off under TPPL framework contract.

A new contract instruction sheet will be issued to Legal Service Team to initiate the contract sign-off process.

**11. Financial considerations**

Budget provision for these vehicles is being agreed through the budget setting process  
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**12. Internal consultations**

The following internal teams/people have been consulted and involved during the development of the specification, sourcing strategy and contract:

Procurement Board  
Procurement Hub  
Fleet Management Team

Sections 13 - 18: To be completed only for Decision A (express delegation from a Committee)

<b>13. The name of the Committee:</b>	NA
<b>14. Date of the meeting:</b>	NA
<b>15. Minute number:</b>	NA
<b>16. The delegation given by the Committee:</b>	NA
<b>17. The name of any member of the committee who declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision:</b>	NA
<b>18. Any Councillor or officer required to be consulted prior to the exercise of this delegation and details of their response.</b>	NA