



Swaffham Town Council – Truck Review

We have obtained a quote of £900 to re-spray the Bumper, Bonnet and Roof of our small truck which was purchased in November 2013 for £9,999.00 + Vat.

The truck has 21,998 miles on the clock and is used predominantly for the watering of the plants around the town, transporting equipment each week to the Market and elsewhere at the sites where we carry out ground's maintenance etc, transporting staff and equipment. This truck has a tipper, so it is useful for collection or movement of small quantities of sand, gravel or shingle etc.

If you look at the current condition of the rusty appearance, the Council need to decide whether to invest the £900 in the truck, as mechanically it is sound and it is a necessary workhorse for the Staff.

The alternative would be to replace the truck, which would be somewhere in the region of £15,000-£20,000 for something similar, or we could look at a lease hire arrangement similar to what we have for our larger truck.

If we are going down the replacement route, should we now be looking at an electric vehicle and an electric charging point, at the Town Hall or Cemetery etc.

RECOMMENDATION 1: The short-term recommendation is for Councillors to consider the respray costs, as the staff believe that the truck could do us for the next two to three years – so it would be worth the investment.

RECOMMENDATION 2: The larger truck has a 4-year lease that concludes in October 2022 later this year. It is recommended that the Town Clerk and Works Manager come back to the Council ASAP with prices to extend the lease arrangement and replace the truck with a further 4-year lease at similar cost.

