



Vehicle & Plant Replacement Policy

POLICY: This Policy applies to all major plant/equipment and vehicles that the Danvm Drainage Commissioners has direct responsibility for or control over mainly:

- Tractors
- Flail mowers
- Excavators
- Light commercial vehicles
- Welfare vehicles
- various small pieces of plant and machinery

OUTCOMES: The Board operates several diverse pieces of plant, equipment and vehicles that are essential to the provision of the Boards Strategic maintenance requirements:

The Objective of this policy is to ensure that sound management techniques are embedded in the management of the Boards plant, fleet and equipment. This can be achieved by ensuring that:

Plant and Vehicle fleet replacement strategies are driven by

- i) defined service levels
- ii) optimisation of use
- iii) performance requirements
- iv) risk exposure

All lifecycle costs are taken in to consideration when determining plant purchases.

Financial resources are properly allocated and managed to optimise investment in plant and equipment.

Lifecycle costs - All costs associated with the life of a plant, vehicle or piece of equipment including but not limited to purchase and disposal, operation, maintenance, depreciation and replacement.

Plant and Equipment –

The Boards approach to its plant and vehicle fleet replacement include common and consistent techniques and objectives.

The Board will develop a 5-year plant replacement programs for all Plant and Vehicular requirements which is reviewed annually.

The Board will develop both a 5-year budget to fund the replacement program and 10-year financial plan for continuity purposes taking a 'line of sight' asset management approach.

Performance against this policy will feedback into updates of the financial plan.

The policy will remain flexible to be able to recognise opportunities for plant and vehicle disposal and replacement outside of pre-determined plans, particularly following significant damage, catastrophic failure or changes of legislation and/or regulatory needs.

Purchases will always consider the following;

- i) Risk Management
- ii) Compliance with OH&S Legislation, CE marking etc
- iii) Green fleet initiatives such as vehicle emission levels and fuel economy
- iv) Market trends – optimum changeover, market preferences, and



- v) Extended warranty offers
- vi) Standardisation of fleet and/or equipment.

Replacement by Type;

Plant/Vehicle	3 Year	5 Year	7 year	Miles	Miles	Miles
				50,000	75,000	100,000
Van/4x4	√					
Welfare Van		√				

Plant/Vehicle	3 Year	6 Year	9 year	Hrs	Hrs	Hrs
Tractor		√				
Flail Mower*	√					
Excavator		√				
Dual purpose						

*Tractor linked into flail for renewal at 6 or 9 years

Responsibility To achieve this Policy

The following key roles and responsibilities are identified as:

The Board

- i) To act as custodians for plant and vehicle assets.
- ii) To approve Boards plant and vehicle replacement annual budget
- iii) To approve the sale and acquisition of large plant and equipment in excess of £100,000
- iv) To ensure appropriate resources for plant and vehicle replacement activities are made available.
- v) To endorse this Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy.

The Asset Manager

- i) To link the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy to the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Program using the principles of life-cycle analysis,
- ii) To develop the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Program using the principles of life-cycle analysis
- iii) To present information to the Board in terms of life-cycle risks and costs
- iv) To provide co-ordination for the implementation of the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy
- v) To communicate the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy to the Board
- vi) To continually monitor and review the policy, in order to ensure the purchasing strategy is fit for purpose.

Approved by the Finance & Policy Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2019

This Policy will be triennially reviewed