



DELEGATES REPORT

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DR1	RURAL FIRE SERVICE	
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Annual Review of the Services Level Agreement with the Rural Fire Services.



DESCRIPTION:

The Annual Review of the Services Level Agreement with the Rural Fire Service, Twin Rivers Zone, was undertaken at the Emergency Management Centre, North and Heyson Street West Kempsey on 17/6/05. The normal six monthly review was also completed.

All Performance Measures were on target and all but 3 measures were 100% completed. The three that did not achieve 100% completion were:

Criteria 6 & 28 – Standards of Fire Cover

Reason: A computer system failure at Rural Fire Services Headquarters at Rose Hill prevented satisfactory completion.

Criteria 29 – All vehicles meet Service standards.

Reason: Kempsey District Rural Fire Services fleet still contain petrol driven vehicles, with some 55% of the fleet requiring replacement.

Following discussion on this issue it was agreed to seek second hand vehicles less than 10 yrs old rather than new vehicles. Substantial savings can be made and at the current rate of funded new replacement vehicles (i.e. 1 per year) it is likely to be some 10 years before vehicles will meet current standard. By selecting second hand vehicles less than 10 years old our vehicles will hopefully be within standard in 3 years and within Council's budgetary constraints.

A copy of the Annual Performance Report [Appendix A](#) and the June Review is attached as [Appendix B](#).

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

The environmental implications of this report would be the replacement of old petrol driven tankers with more up-to-date diesel vehicles, with resultant improvements in exhaust emissions.

- *Social Implications*

The social implications of this report would be the improvement in both safety for and morale of the Rural Fire Service volunteers. Whilst each brigade is proud of its current vehicle, newer vehicles are always preferred.

- *Economic (Financial)*

There are no economic implications from this report as all costs would be within Council's budget.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council's statutory requirements have been met by our involvement in the S.L.A. review process.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR T L HUNT