

REPORT TO: Policy and Performance Review Committee

MEETING DATE: 30 April 2013

BY: Executive Director (Services for Communities)

SUBJECT: Transport

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to assess the cost and utilisation of the Council fleet of vehicles. There is also a summary of previous work completed on both Supported Services and Community bus service by external providers.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to note the content and form a basis for discussion with regard to future requirements for the user departments.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the previous meeting of the Committee (29 January 2013) a request was made by the chair for a report on the transport operation of East Lothian Council. This was to include the following topics: Annual cost per department, Number of staff employed by Transport Services, Utilisation of the fleet, Cost of lease/purchase.
- 3.2 In addition to the above a brief outline of possible options to develop community transport within East Lothian was requested.
- 3.3 The above requests are attached as Appendices with each individual topic having a separate appendix.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None
6.2 Personnel - None
6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Appendix 1 Fleet list per Department including cost
7.2 Appendix 2 Staff within Transport Services
7.3 Appendix 3 Lease and Capital costs
7.4 Appendix 4 Vehicle Utilisation
7.5 Appendix 5 Community Transport

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Quantity	Class Code	Class Name	Type Name	Model Name	Cost Centre Name	Annual Charge
VEHICLE LISTING Abbey Nursing Home						
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	SW OLDER PEOPLE	£ 984.00
VEHICLE LISTING Amenity Services Street Sweeping						
7 no.	39	IVECO DAILY	Iveco	Daily 35C15D with Derby	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	£ 249,048.00
1 no.	43	ST SWEEP CAB & DERBY	Ford	TRANSIT 350 MWB DERBY	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
4 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	LDV	Maxus Van SWB	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
1 no.	46	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP	Ford	RANGER 4 X 2	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
7 no.	50	COMPACT ROAD SWEEPER	Hako	CITYMASTER 2000	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
5 no.	53	COMPACT FOOTWAY SWEEPER	Hako	Citymaster 1200	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
1 no.	55	SMALL STREET CLEANER	Leyland Daf	FA LF45.160	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
1 no.	56	MED SIZED STREET SWEEPER	DULEVO	Dulevo 5000 Evolution	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
1 no.	CJ	CLEANSING 10 YEAR LIFE	Ifor Williams	TRAILER	AMENITY STREET SWEEPING	
VEHICLE LISTING Amenity Services						
15 no.	39	IVECO DAILY	Iveco	Daily 35C15 LWB Tipper/Po	AMENITY SERVICES	£ 151,152.00
16 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB	AMENITY SERVICES	
1 no.	46	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP	Ford	RANGER 4 X 4	AMENITY SERVICES	
10 no.	GG	GROUND CARE TRACTOR 10 YR	New Holland	TL100 4WD TRACTOR	AMENITY SERVICES	
24 no.	GJ	GROUND CARE 10 YEAR LIFE	Indespension	CHALLENGER TRAILER	AMENITY SERVICES	
12 no.	GP	ROAD TRAILERS	Indespension	TILTABED 2600KGS 16X7	AMENITY SERVICES	
1 no.	GJ	GROUND CARE 10 YEAR LIFE	Indespension	TRAILER	AMENITY SERVICES	
VEHICLE LISTING Benefits						
2 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	REVENUE BENEFITS	£ 2,172.00
VEHICLE LISTING Facilities Management						
1 no.	38	Transit Connect LWB	Ford	Transit Connect LWB	BUILDING CLEANING	£ 16,896.00
3 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Renault	KANGOO VAN	BUILDING CLEANING	
2 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB	BUILDING CLEANING	
1 no.	49	CREWCAB WITH LUTON BODY	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB LUTON	BUILDING CLEANING	
VEHICLE LISTING Chief Executive (Mercedes)						
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Mercedes	E Class 320 CDI	Chief Exec (Meracs)	£ 1,188.00

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VEHICLE LISTING Chief Executive (Mailroom)						
1 no.	38	Transit Connect LWB	Ford	Transit Connect LWB	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£ 5,928.00
1 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Vauxhall	Combo 1700 1.7CDTi	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
2 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 MWB	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
VEHICLE LISTING Community Care						
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Peugeot	308 S HDI 110	SW CRISIS CARE	£ 1,068.00
VEHICLE LISTING Community Development						
1 no.	30	MINIBUS 17 SEATS (MAINT)	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	Community Development	£ 2,424.00
VEHICLE LISTING Community Partnerships						
1 no.	38	Transit Connect LWB	Ford	Transit Connect LWB	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	£ 1,176.00
VEHICLE LISTING Community Wardens						
4 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Peugeot	207 URBAN HDi	COMMUNITY WARDENS	£ 4,548.00
VEHICLE LISTING Countryside Rangers						
9 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Peugeot	PARTNER HDI 75 VAN	COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS	£ 21,240.00
1 no.	46	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP	Ford	RANGER 4 X 4	COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS	
VEHICLE LISTING Criminal Justice						
2 no.	49	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB LUTON	SW CRIMINAL JUSTICE	£ 11,520.00
VEHICLE LISTING Dunbar GS						
1 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (15S)	DUNBAR GRAMMAR	£ 2,424.00
VEHICLE LISTING Eskgreen HOP						
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	SW OLDER PEOPLE	£ 984.00

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VEHICLE LISTING		Fawside Elderly				
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	SW OLDER PEOPLE	£ 984.00
VEHICLE LISTING		Fawside HOP				
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	SW OLDER PEOPLE	£ 984.00
VEHICLE LISTING		Finance				
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Peugeot	308 S HDI 110	FINANCE DIRECTORATE	£ 1,068.00
VEHICLE LISTING		Greenfield Park HOP				
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	SW OLDER PEOPLE	£ 984.00
VEHICLE LISTING		IT Internal Support				
4 no.	20	ESTATE CAR	Peugeot	207 SW S 90 HDI	IT(Internal Support)	£ 3,936.00
VEHICLE LISTING		IT School Support				
2 no.	10	ELECTRIC SALOON CAR	NISSAN	LEAF ELECTRIC CAR	IT(School Support)	£ 5,832.00
6 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Renault	Clio 1.5 DCi Expression	IT(School Support)	
VEHICLE LISTING		Library Services				
1 no	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB	LIBRARIES	£ 44,664.00
1 no	59	7.5t LIBRARY VAN	Iveco	IVECO CARGO ML75E18	LIBRARIES	
1 no.	60	12T MOBILE LIBRARY VAN	Iveco	12T MOBILE LIBRARY VAN	LIBRARIES	
VEHICLE LISTING		Musselburgh GS				
1 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	MUSSELBURGH GRAMMAR	£ 5,520.00
VEHICLE LISTING		North Berwick HS				
1 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	NORTH BERWICK HIGH	£ 5,520.00

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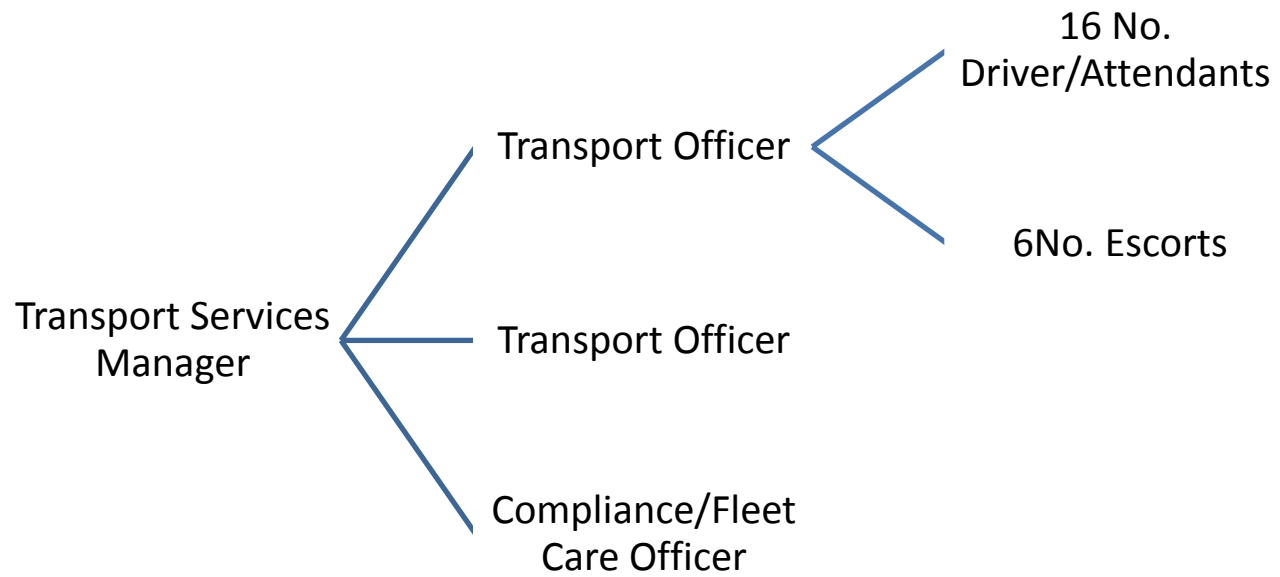
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VEHICLE LISTING SW Occupational Health						
3 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	LDV	LDV MAXUS LWB HIGH ROOF	SW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	£ 3,528.00
VEHICLE LISTING Olivebank Children and Family Centre						
1 no.	31	ALERO TYPE 16 SEAT BUS	Optare	ALERO 16 SEATS	OLIVEBANK	£ 10,764.00
VEHICLE LISTING Outdoor Education						
2 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	PRESTONPANS OEC	£ 13,008.00
2 no.	LJ	LANDSCAPE 10 YEAR LIFE	Indespension	TRAILER PADDLE 9 500KGS	PRESTONPANS OEC	
VEHICLE LISTING Preston Lodge HS						
1 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	PRESTON LODGE	£ 5,628.00
VEHICLE LISTING Property Maintenance						
4 no.	39	IVECO DAILY	Iveco	Daily 35S 12 High roof	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	£ 234,432.00
1 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Peugeot	Bipper 1.4HDi 75 S	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
93 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 MWB	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
1 no.	49	CREWCAB WITH LUTON BODY	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB LUTON	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
1 no.	70	ACCESS PLATFORM	Iveco	DAILY 50C15V ACCESS PLAT	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
5 no.	DJ	BLDG SERVICES 10 YR LIFE	Indespension	FLATBED 10 X 6 2600KGS	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
1 no.	DT	4 WAY REACH TRUCK	Jungheinrich	EVT-Q200	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
VEHICLE LISTING Revenues						
1 no.	11	SALOON/HATCHBACK CAR	Ford	Focus 1.6 diesel h/back	REVENUES	£ 984.00

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VEHICLE LISTING Road Services						
1 no.	39	IVECO DAILY	Iveco	Daily 50C18 Day Cab	ROAD SERVICES	£ 800,832.00
2 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	LDV	TRANSIT 350 LWB	ROAD SERVICES	
2 no.	46	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP	Isuzu	RODEO DENVER	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	47	CLASS 7 VANS	LDV	MAXUS VAN WITH SEATS	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	51	C/CAB 18T TIPPER GRITTER	Volvo	FL-240 TIP/GRITTER	ROAD SERVICES	
4 no.	52	C/CAB 18T 3W TIPP/GRIT	Leyland Daf	FA LF55.250 3W C/CAB TIP	ROAD SERVICES	
5 no.	54	TIPPER GRITTER	Volvo	FM9 6x4 rigid with QCB	ROAD SERVICES	
5 no.	58	IVECO/DAF TYPE TIPPER	Iveco	TIPPER GRITTER	ROAD SERVICES	
2 no.	71	LIGHTING TOWER	Iveco	LIGHTING TOWER	ROAD SERVICES	
3 no.	72	GRITTER WITH QCB SYSTEM	Leyland Daf	FA LF55.220 18t LHD	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	81	LIGHTING TOWER	Iveco	DAILY 50C15V ACCESS PLAT	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	87	14T ROAD SWEEPER	Leyland Daf	2 AXLE RIGID BODY	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	88	Volvo FL-240 Velocity Pat	Volvo	FL-240 Patching Unit	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RB	FUEL BOWSER	NA	FUEL BOWSER	ROAD SERVICES	
19 no.	RC	MINI TRACTORS	Iseki	TF321 TRACTOR GRITTER	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RD	RIDE ON EMULSION SPRAYER	WERIO	SELF PROPELLED SPRAYER	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RE	Mini Paver	Marini	Mini Paver	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RF	ROAD PAVER	Bomag	FINISHER	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RP	ROAD TRAILERS	Ifor Williams	IFOR WILLIAMS CT166	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RK	HEAVY TRAILER	MAC	TWIN AXLE 17T TRAILER	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RM	ROAD PLANING	Bomag	BM1000/30 COLD PLANER	ROAD SERVICES	
3 no.	RP	ROAD TRAILERS	Indespension	12x5 2600kgs F/bed mesh c	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	GP	ROAD TRAILERS	Ifor Williams	Ifor Williams LM166B	ROAD SERVICES	
3 no.	RR	ROAD ROLLERS	Hamm	ROAD ROLLER	ROAD SERVICES	
4 no.	RS	EXCAVATORS	JCB	TELESCOPIC MAT HANDLER	ROAD SERVICES	
7 no.	RT	ROAD TRACTORS	JCB	AIRMASTER 2CX	ROAD SERVICES	
3 no.	RV	ROAD VIBRATORS	JCB	VIBROMAX VMT160-80 TSC	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RW	CHIPPER TRAILER	MAC	TRI AXLE (5T)	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RX	ROUNDAABOUT MOWING MACHINE	Ferris	ZTR 61 KAR MOWING MACHINE	ROAD SERVICES	
1 no.	RY	CHIPPER	TEX	CE 95 CHIPSPREADER	ROAD SERVICES	

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VEHICLE LISTING Transport Services						
1 no.	10	ELECTRIC SALOON CAR	NISSAN	LEAF ELECTRIC CAR	TRANSPORT SERVICES	£ 214,860.00
10 no.	31	ALERO TYPE 16 SEAT BUS	Optare	ALERO 16 SEATS	TRANSPORT SERVICES	
2 no.	32	MINIBUS 17 SEATS	Ford	TRANSIT MINIBUS (17S)	TRANSPORT SERVICES	
2 no.	33	SOLO TYPE BUS 31 SEATS	Optare	SOLO 31 SEAT BUS	TRANSPORT SERVICES	
6 no.	34	SOLO TYPE BUS 25 SEATS	Optare	SOLO 25 SEAT	TRANSPORT SERVICES	
4 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 330	TRANSPORT SERVICES	
VEHICLE LISTING Vehicle and Plant Maintenance Unit						
1 no.	38	Transit Connect LWB	Ford	Transit Connect LWB	VPMU	£ 15,492.00
1 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Vauxhall	Combo 1700 1.7CDTi	VPMU	
1 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 HIGH ROOF	VPMU	
1 no.	VX	RAMPS	Stertil	RAMPS	VPMU	
VEHICLE LISTING Waste Services Disposal						
1 no.	46	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP	Ford	RANGER 4 X 4	CLEANSING DISPOSAL	£ 122,160.00
3 no.	85	HOOKLIFT 32 TON	Iveco	Iveco Trakker	CLEANSING DISPOSAL	
1 no.	CE	CLEANSING PLANT 7 YEAR	JCB	WHEELED EXCAVATOR	CLEANSING DISPOSAL	
1 no.	CG	CLEANSING 7 YEAR LIFE	JCB	WASTEMASTER LOADALL	CLEANSING DISPOSAL	
VEHICLE LISTING Waste Services Green Waste						
2 no.	75	RCV	Dennis Eagle	Elite 2 with Phoenix 2-20	Civic Amenity Sites SE	£ 69,024.00
VEHICLE LISTING Waste Services Refuse Collection						
1 no.	41	SMALL KANGOO TYPE VAN	Peugeot	Partner Origin 600	CLEANSING REFUSE	£ 654,216.00
1 no.	44	CLASS 7 TRANSIT TYPE VAN	Ford	TRANSIT 350 LWB TIPPER	CLEANSING REFUSE	
1 no.	49	CREWCAB WITH LUTON BODY	LDV	Maxus with Luton & t /lif	CLEANSING REFUSE	
1 no.	57	RCV 7.5T	Isuzu	2 AXLE RIGID BODY REFUSE	CLEANSING REFUSE	
2 no.	58	IVECO/DAF TYPE TIPPER	Isuzu	DROPSIDE TIPPER WITH CAGE	CLEANSING REFUSE	
4 no.	74	RCV	Dennis Eagle	Elite 2, Terberg Omni-del	CLEANSING REFUSE	
13 no.	75	RCV	Dennis Eagle	Elite 2 with Phoenix 2-20	CLEANSING REFUSE	
1 no.	76	18t TERBERG TOPLOADER	Seddon	Euromover L6 19.275FSD	CLEANSING REFUSE	
2 no.	80	REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE	Dennis Eagle	Elite 2, Geesinknorba	CLEANSING REFUSE	
1 no.	90	13t RCV	Leyland Daf	FA LF55.220	CLEANSING REFUSE	
2 no.	CJ	CLEANSING 10 YEAR LIFE	Wessex	TRAILER	CLEANSING REFUSE	



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Leases

There are currently five Lease Agreements outstanding but all complete their term this current financial year (2013/14). The vehicle content of each remaining lease is given below.

Lease 1

Vehicle	End Date	Value (13/14)
9 no. Minitractors/gritters	14 April 2013	
4 no. JCB 2C's	13 July 2013	
1 no. Trailer	13 July 2013	
2 no. Optare Solo buses	13 July 2013	£18,816.90

Lease 2

2 no. Trailers	21 June 2013	£15.75
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Lease 3

3 no. Optare Alero buses	24 September 2013	
1 no. Iveco Daily Lighting Tower	24 September 2013	
1 no. Trailer	24 September 2013	£9,200.00

Lease 4

1 no. Foden 26t Tipper/gritter	4 July 2013	
1 no. Optare Alero bus	4 July 2013	
3 no. 2 post Stertil Lifts	4 July 2013	£17,748.13

Lease 5

3 no. Optare Alero buses	23 December 2013	
1 no. JCB Material Handler	23 December 2013	£26,169.51

Capital Purchase

Within the current financial year (2013/14) there is a capital allocation of £2.356m and the repayments received from user departments for depreciation and interest in financial year 2013/14 will be £1,222,941, this will increase as a result of vehicle purchases within this year.

Appendix 4

Vehicle Under Utilisation (Key Events Only) report for East Lothian Council (by Vehicle)

Distance driven less than 30 Miles per vehicle in the period

Report From 20 March 2013 to 20 March 2013

Time Bracket N/A

Vehicle Name	Total Distance Miles	Driving Time HH:MM:SS	Last Driver	Last Location
31-072 (YP52 BPX)				
31-072	24.17	02:25:47		Customer - Transport Depot
31-077 (YN54 LKJ)				
31-077	21.97	01:39:48		Transport Services Depot
31-081 (YN54 LKZ)				
31-081	28.86	01:55:14		Transport Services Depot
33-079 (YE52 FHC)				
33-079	22.59	07:52:21		North Berwick High School
34-086 (YN53 YHK)				
34-086	0.28	09:13:59		Macmerry Industrial Estate, Tranent
34-087 (YN53 YHL)				
34-087	24.48	01:00:05		Transport Services Depot
38 -243 (ST60 EXJ)				
38 -243	13.33	00:26:50		Yester Place, Haddington
41-246 (SO57 DFZ)				
41-246	16.87	00:40:53		Chesterhall Avenue, Macmerry, Tranent
44-014 (SO04 WZM)				
44-014	1.77	01:10:16		Hardgate, Haddington
44-844 (SO04 WZJ)				
44-844	0	00:00:00		Customer - Transport Depot

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Vehicle Name	Total Distance Miles	Driving Time HH:MM:SS	Last Driver	Last Location
46-209 (ST57 CDZ)				
46-209	13.55	00:28:17		Muirpark Drive, Tranent
58-224 (SN60 BSV)				
58-224	0	00:00:00		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
58-875 (SN04 NRK)				
58-875	24.39	01:12:07		Macmerry Industrial Estate, Tranent
74-207 (VU61 HWW)				
74-207	16.12	05:07:40		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
75-210 (VX09 WFJ)				
75-210	13.02	02:02:41		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
75-211 (VX55 LCA)				
75-211	0	00:00:00		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
75-213 (VX55 LCE)				
75-213	11.12	00:20:19		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
75-216 (VO12 YTY)				
75-216	27.68	05:03:13		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
75-221 (VE56 KKZ)				
75-221	22.46	06:01:54		Recycling Centre Dunbar
75-223 (VX09 WFK)				
75-223	21.56	00:43:32		Depot - VPMU

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Time Bracket N/A

Vehicle Name	Total Distance Miles	Driving Time HH:MM:SS	Last Driver	Last Location
75-285 (VX09 WFH)				
75-285	19.57	05:23:42		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
76-220 (SF06 DLD)				
76-220	23.61	00:49:19		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
80-226 (VO61 ZBJ)				
80-226	0	00:00:00		Depot - Kinwegar Transfer Stat
Ian Horne (TN07 BBR)				
Ian Horne	8.36	01:31:30		Glenburn Road, North Berwick

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Vehicle Utilisation

Each user department will argue a different method of measuring this and it is therefore very difficult to get an across the board consensus on how this should be quantified.

Within Transport Services utilisation figures based on time required to cover routes, time spent at resource centres, day centres and on trips on “core” routes and additional work outwith “core” show figures in excess of 70%. These figures, it can be argued, do not account for when the vehicle is sitting on location for a period. As with all the fleet it is not always feasible or efficient to return the vehicle to the depot during this period.

The current tracking system within Transport Services, Road Services, Waste Services, VPMU and Facilities Management produces a daily report which shows vehicles which cover less than a certain distance but again as indicated above different user departments require different requirements from their vehicles within the fleet i.e. Road Services require large and heavy items to be carried to site and the vehicle can sit for long times while this is unloaded therefore showing short distances and short engine running time but still required. A copy of the above report is attached for reference showing.

All user department Managers are asked to look at the requirement to replace any vehicle when it is due for renewal and currently some departments are reducing their fleet requirement.

Community Transport

There have been four consultants reports since 2001 which although not specifically aimed at community transport do give some information on possible options available. These reports have been commissioned by ELC to take forward future tendering of supported services and this obviously affects the community transport provision required.

As indicated above these reports mainly focus on supported services but a number of the recommendations have been auctioned where routes have been combined or removed as they are no longer sustainable based on the cost per head for transporting the public i.e. Gaberlunzie. Some of the recommendations have indicated an increase in spending on local public transport but considering the current financial strains this is thought not to be viable. The report in 2003 did not feel it was worth pursuing the option of using the Council's in house fleet for operating public bus services and as a result the Council have extended the use of the vehicles into the community based organisations and school trips to improve utilisation. The next report in 2006 reversed the above option regarding the use of the in house fleet but after numerous attempts to get the Traffic Commissioner to make a decision the legality of this option the current financial position indicated that it would no longer be viable. The options of demand responsive transport (DRT) were raised in the 2009 report and these were investigated as indicated below.

The Scottish Government have recently sent out a questionnaire to all local authorities specifically asking "How Community Transport Systems Can be Improved" and ELC are drafting a response to this request. It is our understanding that a report will be prepared by the Scottish Government when all the responses have been collated and this hopefully will give guidance to local authorities in Scotland on community transport future development.

In March 2012 a Community and Supported Transport Conference was held in the Town House to which all local communities, community transport providers, local and national bus operators, NHS Lothian and local councillors were invited. This was a very useful meeting and one of the main outcomes of this was that there was no particular person or group who had knew how many vehicles were being run within the community transport group. A recently formed Association of East Lothian Day Centres would appear to be the best placed organisation to facilitate the collation of this data. A number of these day centres and groups having funding from East Lothian Council for transport which appears not to be uniform across the board.

East Lothian Council also fund a number of community transport providers which to my knowledge include WRVS, Dial-a-Ride and Dial-a-Bus, the last two being operated by Hanidabs Ltd.

In March 2010, along with Councillor Turner and a consultant being funded by Sustran, we visited Lincoln to see the demand responsive transport (DRT) operation provided for the local community. Their operation was well set up and included 26 minibuses and a call centre with a number of operators to take bookings. This operation was set up in 2001 with two routes and has mushroomed to its current position of 26 routes. The initial set up costs of £2.4m were fully funded by European funding and the Rural Bus Challenge which were in place at this time (2001).