

**CABINET STATEMENT**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – COUNCILLOR AIREY**

A few updates regarding the Council's Fleet:

- Direct Services awaits details of the cost for a tank for storage of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) to be located at Dutton Lane. Assuming the purchase cost represents value for money it is hoped to complete the change over to HVO by the end of January. I have reported before on the trials undertaken with HVO which have been successful. As a reminder, HVO is hydrotreated vegetable oil. It is synthetically made through the hydro treatment process from vegetable oils or animal fats and significantly reduces harmful emissions when used in diesel vehicles and machinery. No modifications to engines are required. HVO has a longer storage life than diesel. It eliminates up to 90% of net CO2 and significantly reduces nitrogen oxide, particulant matter and carbon monoxide. It is sulphur and fossil free.
- The tender for 3 electric refuse collection vehicles has been advertised and the award is expected to be finalised at the end of November 2021.
- Due to the increase in garden waste recycling Direct Services will be creating a fourth garden waste round requiring a Rotopress to be procured. This will also run on HVO.