

Agenda Item No: **Report No:**
Report Title: **Car Loans**
Report To: **Employment Committee** **Date:** **11 June 2007**
Ward(s) Affected: **All**
Report By: **Head of Business Services**
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Purpose of Report:

To amend the Council's car loan policy so that CO2 emissions are included as a constraint for the first time.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 That the Council's car loan scheme should be amended so that loans will only be given on new cars with the same maximum emission rate as applies to the Contract Hire Car fleet at the time.
- 2 That the maximum emission rate for used cars bought with a car loan should be set at 10g/km more than the emission rate applying to the Contract Hire Car fleet at the time.

Information

- 1 The Council provides loans for the purchase of cars to staff who receive an essential car allowance, receive a casual car allowance and whose Head of Department considers a car is useful to carry out official duties and who transfer from another authority with an existing loan.
- 2 Although the scheme has rules about the age of vehicles that can be bought and the duration of loans, there are no rules relating to the environmental impact of the vehicles.
- 3 The Council's Contract Hire Car scheme provides cars for certain eligible officers and does have an environmental constraint in that cars must have an emission rate of 180g/km CO2 or less. This rate is reviewed approximately every two years and is likely to be reduced to 170 or 175g/km CO2 later this year.
- 4 It is proposed that the car loan scheme be brought into line with the Contract Hire scheme. However, the car loan scheme allows drivers to borrow money for used cars. In those cases it is considered appropriate for a slightly higher emission rate of 10g/km CO2 more than applies to the Contract Hire vehicles.

Financial Appraisal

- 1 There are no new financial implications arising from this report.

