

**CHIGWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
CLERK'S REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**

**Meeting Date:** 14 May 2026

**Vehicle Lease- Update**

Further to the update provided to Full Council on 30 April 2026, Members were advised that the Council's current electric vehicle lease is due to expire on 12 June 2026.

While the vehicle has delivered clear environmental benefits, it has limited operational capability, particularly as the Council prepares to move towards a Memorial Safety Inspection Programme following the findings and recommendations set out in last October's ICCM report.

Considering competing operational demands, and to allow sufficient time to undertake a thorough market assessment and exploration of all available options, I have extended the existing vehicle lease by a further three months, with costs remaining unchanged at £227 per month. This means there are now approximately four months remaining on the lease.

This approach represents the most prudent and cost-effective option, enabling the Council to make a better-informed decision regarding future vehicle requirements, ensuring that any replacement meets both operational needs and environmental considerations.

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