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HARTLEPOOL CLEANS UP WITH CITYMASTER FLEET

The streets of Hartlepool are even cleaner and more attractive now as the borough Council has invested in six Hako Citymaster 2000 street sweepers as part of its commitment to improve the cleanliness of the town. The new sweepers replace the same number of ageing, less effective vehicles.

Environment Manager Albert Cope said: "Statistics show that the cleanliness of the town has improved significantly in recent years, but we are determined not to become complacent. Replacing ageing vehicles with the latest models on the market in this way enables us to build on what has already been achieved and raise standards of cleanliness still further."

The Citymaster 2000 sweepers are able to carry two cubic metres of litter - more than the vehicles they are replacing - and boast four-wheel steer which enables them to access awkward areas to clear rubbish. They also feature a number of eco-controls which makes them more fuel efficient. There are also cameras on the front and back of the vehicles, and on the brushes that actually sweep the streets.

Mr Cope added: "We went out to tender and believe that we have struck a very cost-effective deal. Savings have been made and these have enabled us to increase the amount of cleansing undertaken in tourist areas at weekends."

Hako will provide the Council's sweeper operatives with unlimited staff training to ensure the machines are used to their maximum effectiveness.

Hako UK is part of the Hako Group, one of the leading manufacturers, worldwide, of technology for indoor and outdoor cleaning and grounds maintenance. The company has factories throughout Europe. For more information on Hako and its range of machines, visit www.hako.co.uk.

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Photo caption (left-right): Sweeper driver James Johnson, Mayor Stuart Drummond and Sales Director Neil Parton from Hako with one of the new road sweepers.

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