

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022  
title: REPLACEMENT OF PEST CONTROL VAN AND DOG WARDEN VAN  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To request approval of additional budgets on the following capital schemes:

- Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13FJP - £2,837.23.
- Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64EYC - £3,053.32.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – Health and wellbeing.
- Corporate Priorities – To continue to be a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs.
- Other Considerations – None identified.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 On 13 January 2022, Health and Housing Committee approved the transfer of capital budgets to 2022/2023 for:

- Replacement of Pest Control Van - £13,800
- Replacement of Dog Warden Van - £13,500

2.2 This Committee also recommended that Policy and Finance Committee approve additional budgets of £2,200 (Pest Control Van) and £2,500 (Dog Warden Van), for 2022/2023, due to an updated guide price for both vans and also additional costs for fitting out.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 The current vans were purchased in 2013 (Pest Control) and 2014 (Dog Warden) respectively. Both vans have required increased maintenance over the past 12 months, and ideally should have been replaced after seven years.

3.2 The Fiat Doblo (1.3) is no longer available and the new range of Doblo is unsuitable as they don't have a double door.

3.3 The Council's Senior HGV and Municipal Vehicle Technician has advised that a 1.3 engine is unsuitable for both vans due to the weight of load transported.

3.4 Several different van types have been considered and the cheapest/most practical was found to be the 1.5 Turbo Diesel Vauxhall Combo van, costing £15,487.36. The Council already has a Vauxhall Combo van on its fleet of vehicles, used by a Civil Enforcement Officer.

3.5 The existing cages/fittings in both vans cannot be reused due to a tightening of animal welfare standards by DEFRA. A local reputable company who specialise in the conversion of vans for transporting dogs, has provided the following estimates for the conversion work. This includes sign writing, mechanical ventilation and hazard warning lights:

- Pest Control Van - £3,349.87
- Dog Warden Van - £3,565.96

3.6 The total cost of the replacement vehicles including fittings is £37,891. The amount in the Capital Programme is £32,000. An increase in the budget of £5,891 is therefore necessary.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – A sum of £5,891 is required to fund the increased budget for the replacement of both the Pest Control Van and Dog Warden Van. This can be funded from the Capital earmarked reserve.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Both vans must comply with the latest Animal Welfare Regulations.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – None.
- Equality & Diversity – Both vans must be safe and reliable in order to provide an effective service.

#### 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Submit the request for additional budget of £5,891 for the replacement of the Pest Control Van and Dog Warden Van, to the Policy & Finance Committee.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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