

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: 13 SEPTEMBER 2022
 title: REFERENCE FROM HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE - PEST CONTROL VAN AND DOG WARDEN VAN REPLACEMENTS, REQUEST FOR INCREASED BUDGET
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
 principal author: ANDREW COOK

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a request from Health and Housing Committee to approve additional budget for the Pest Control Van and Dog Warden Van replacement capital schemes.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Service committees manage their services within the budgets agreed at the beginning of the financial year. The budget for 2022/23 was approved by Policy and Finance Committee on 22 February 2022 and by Full Council on 8 March 2022.
- 2.2 Any revenue or capital expenditure over and above what has already been approved must be agreed by Policy and Finance Committee.

3 HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

- 3.1 Health and Housing Committee considered a report submitted by the Chief Executive. The report (attached at Annex 1) outlined that there was currently £32,000 budget set aside in two capital schemes (£16,000 per van) for the replacement of the current Dog Warden van and current Pest Control van with like for like diesel replacements. However, the report requested budget amendments for updated specification diesel vehicles, to provide more powerful vans and van conversions which would best meet the needs of the services and animal welfare standards.
- 3.2 Health and Housing Committee considered the request in the report and also discussed other options. The Committee resolved to request additional budgets from Policy and Finance Committee, on the basis of two options, being either replacement with diesel vehicles or replacement with electric vehicles (including installation of charging points and a power supply). Health and Housing resolved the following:

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Submit the request to Policy & Finance Committee for additional budget for the replacement of the Pest Control and Dog Warden vehicles. Two options to be submitted:

1. Replacement with Diesel vehicles estimated cost £37,890, or
2. Replacement with Electric vehicles estimated cost £76,000.

- 3.3 For the above options the additional budgets being requested is either:

Diesel option – total budget increase of £5,890:

- Pest Control Van = £18,840 (£2,840 budget increase).
- Dog Warden Van = £19,050 (£3,050 budget increase).

or, Electric option – total budget increase of £44,000:

- Pest Control Van = £37,890 (£21,890 budget increase).
- Dog Warden Van = £38,110 (£22,110 budget increase).

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Consider the approval of additional capital budget, funded from the Capital Earmarked Reserve, for **one** of the two options listed below:

Option 1 - Diesel:

- Replacement of the Pest Control Van PK13 FJP = £2,840.
- Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC = £3,050.

Option 2 - Electric option:

- Replacement of the Pest Control Van PK13 FJP = £21,890.
- Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC = £22,110.

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**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

meeting date: THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022
title: REPLACEMENT OF PEST CONTROL VAN AND DOG WARDEN VAN
submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: MATTHEW RIDING - HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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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