

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024
title: VEHICLE WASH, SALTHILL DEPOT
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request that Committee approve an additional capital scheme under Community Services Committee for the purchase and installation of a replacement vehicle wash at Salthill Depot for a total of £21,730.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
- Community Objectives - To help make people's lives healthier and safer.
 - Corporate Priorities - To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
 - Other Considerations – To keep the Council's vehicle fleet clean and presentable.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The existing chassis and vehicle body washing facilities at Salthill Depot are broken beyond economical repair.
- 2.2 Depot staff are currently using a hired vehicle body wash machine that is costing £250 per week, for everyday cleaning.
- 2.3 Additionally, depot staff are currently taking vehicles to Miles-Fox, on the Lincoln Park Industrial Estate, Lincoln Way for the more specialised pre-MOT chassis wash.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 Based on the condition of the existing vehicle wash facilities that are no longer operational, it would be prohibitively expensive and uneconomical to effect a repair to the ageing equipment.
- 3.2 More improved, modern, reliable body wash systems are readily available with the MAC Plantmaster 4 being the preferred option based on a number of industry recommendations.
- 3.3 It is recommended that a replacement system is procured on a 'supply and install' basis to eliminate any warranty differences between a supplier and an independent installer.
- 3.5 Officers are currently seeking quotations for the supply and installation of the MAC Plantmaster 4 system in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules. To date, two quotations have been received, the lowest with a capital value of £16730 and an annual, revenue, service cost of £990.

- 3.6 Some drainage and other associated works to the yard area will need to be undertaken to accommodate the new vehicle wash. The cost of these works is estimated at £5,000.
- 3.7 At this stage, the overall costs of such a scheme are estimated to be £21730. There is currently no budget within the capital programme for these works, but the associated revenue costs would be able to be accommodated within existing revenue budgets.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – There is currently no capital programme budget for this scheme. Revenue costs of any replacement equipment could be met from within existing budgets. If approved, it would be suggested that the scheme be funded from the VAT Shelter Earmarked Reserve.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are incorporated into this report.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – The Council’s proper maintenance of its assets enhances its reputation as a well-run Council.
- Equality and Diversity – None as a direct result of this report.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Agree to the purchase and installation of a vehicle wash at Salthill Depot

5.1 Recommend to Policy and Finance Committee a capital programme scheme of £21,730 for a Replacement Vehicle Wash at Salthill Depot, funded from the VAT Shelter Earmarked Reserve.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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