

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -21 SEPTEMBER 2000

REPLACEMENT OF PEST CONTROL/DOG WARDEN VANS

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the acquisition of two replacement vans for the Environmental Health section of the department.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Subject to Committee approval, it is proposed to replace the two oldest vehicles in the fleet. These are a Ford Escort Van, J83 HE, which was first registered on 1 January 1992, and a Bedford Rascal Van, G823 GSJ, which was registered on 1 January 1989. Both of the vehicles are in a poor condition and are becoming mechanically unreliable.
- 2.2 It is proposed to replace the vehicles with medium sized vans such as Leyland Daf or Ford Transit since these will allow the dual functions of Pest Control and the Dog Warden service to be carried out with the same vehicle. The larger vehicle is also preferable for health and safety reasons.
- 2.3 The vehicles will require to be modified slightly to suit the purpose for which they are to be used. For example, secure compartments will need to be provided in the vehicles for the transit of pesticides.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is estimated that the capital cost of each vehicle will be in the region of £15,000. It is, however, proposed to lease the vehicles over a five year period at an approximate annual cost of £3,500 per vehicle. The lease costs can be met from the existing budget.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Authority to replace two vehicles is sought to ensure the integrity of the service. The existing vehicles are in poor condition and are becoming increasingly unreliable. The new vehicles will provide a safer working environment for staff and possibly permit of more flexible response.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Approve the acquisition of two replacement vehicles at an estimated capital cost of £15,000 each;
- (ii) Remit to the Director of Community Services to arrange accordingly, if agreed;
- (iii) Remit to the Director of Finance to arrange suitable leases; and
- (iv) Otherwise note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA