Agenda Item: 7

**Report to:** Amenities Committee

Date: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Subject:** Town Rangers

**Summary:** The Committee is asked to note and agree the budget required for

Town Rangers for recommendation to Full Council.

## I. Background and objective

1.1 The Council has resolved at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 to implement three Town Rangers.

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a) To note The Pelham unable to provide rangers and to consider job specification for an in-house role and agree budget and recruitment plan as per July 2024 report.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve job specification.

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the costs for three town rangers and associated equipment.

## 2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to show the costings for the roll out of the Town Rangers, based on two Town Rangers.
- 2.2 The report includes further details in relation to training, general information such as uniforms, branding and work requirements.
- 2.3 The plan is to have them set up and in place by May 2025

### 3. Detailed Costings.

3.1 The information is displayed in the table as follows.

Туре	Cost detail	Qty	Cost £	Notes
Motor Vehicles	Van – Electric - Ford transit Van – Petrol – Ford Transit Courier Van – Diesel – Renault Trafic Van	 	£3,163.68 £3,888.00	Per year for 5 years
Motor Vehicles	Fuel Insurance	l	£6,960.00 £1,000 £200	

APPENDIX D

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				Add to the current
	Repairs/Service	I	£500	policy
	EV charge point	I	N/A	As a contingency
	Western Road Parking Permit		£700	No suitable location
				Based on Ford
			£6,288.00	Transit Courier
Vehicle Branding	Lights	I	£100.00	Dealership would
_	Chevrons	1	£200.00	install
	Signage	1	£50.00	
	Fire Extinguisher	1	£42.99	
				Ark
			£392.99	
Powered	Lawnmower	I	£350.00	
Equipment	Strimmer	1	£150.00	
• •	Hedge Cutter	ı	£150.00	
	Leaf Blower	1	£150.00	
	A sanding machine	1	£99.99	Makita Sander SF
	Drills	1	£199.99	Combi Drill DeWalt
	Electric Saw	1	£110.00	Circular Saw
	Nail gun	1	£125.44	Tacwise SF
	Pressure Washer	1	£400.00	
			£1735.42	
Garden Based	Weed Killing Chemicals	2	£100.00	
Tools/Equipment	Weed Killer container and Sprayer	2	£27.96	9Ltr
	Water Pump	ı	£54.98	Titan Pump SF
	Watering Cans	2	£14.00	·
	Wheelbarrow	2	£120.00	TS Galv Non punt
	Anvil Pruners	ı	£16.98	TS Loppers Hawks
	Shovel	2	£39.98	SF
	Shears	ı	£39.99	SF Set of 3 items
	Rakes	2	£53.98	SF
			£467.87	
General	Buckets /Sponges	N/A	£50.00	Various items
Tools/Equipment	Litter grabbers	3	£60.00	Litter picker TS
	Litter collection hoops	3	£48.00	Litter hoops x 3
	Bin bags		£100.00	
	First Aid kits	2	£33.96	Med HSE kit TS
	Accident books	1	£4.99	SF Book
	Hammers			
	Screwdrivers	3	£162.00	3 x Magnusson kit
	Spanners/chisels/wrenches/scrapers			40 piece
	Graffiti remover	2	£22.00	
	Cloths and fabrics	_	£20.00	Variety Poundland
	Torches	3	£51.00	SF
	Drain rods	ĺ	£32.99	12 piece set SF
	Plunger	2	£10.00	SF
	Ladder	ĺ	£119.99	2.6M Telescopic SF
	Tape Measure	2	£12.99	Pack of 2 SF
	Spirit Levels	ĺ	£54.99	Set of 4 SF
	Fuel Can		£12.99	10Ltr Fuel Can
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			£795.90	
Personal	Googles	3	£30.00	Dewalt Googles TS
Protection	Disposable mask	1×50	£9.99	Ark
Equipment	Latex Gloves	1×100	£9.39	Ark
	Gardening gloves	3	£18.00	Nitrile SF
	Hats	3	£15.00	2 x Beanie SF
	Protective boots	3	£105.00	Dealer Steel toe SF
	High visibility suits/jackets/Vest	3	£105.00	2 Hi vi Jackets SF
	Ear defenders	3	£83.94	Moldex M5 TS
	Hard hats	3	£21.00	SF
	Waterproof clothing	3	£69.00	Waterproof suit SF
			£466.32	
Uniform	Trousers	3	£135.00	All Screwfix
	Shorts	3	£93.00	This is based
	T-shirts	6	£138.00	without branding
	Winter Gloves/Hats	3	£30.00	
	Jumper/Fleece	3	£60.00	
			£456.00	

Total Costs £10,602.50

All costings above are current at the time of this report but is subject to change. The vehicle quotations are from a local company. The other items are from national well-known brands and internet prices.

# 4. Training

4.1 The Town Rangers will need to undertake training in the following areas.

First Aid Training

Training on safe handling of chemicals and sharp objects

Training on manual labour and leavy lifting

Training to use dangerous equipment such as power tools

General Health and Safety training

General training on working around members of the public

Long Term – ROSPA and more in-depth health and safety such as lone working, working at height, PAT testing etc.

The cost of the training is included in the Town Council's current online system.

#### **General Information**

- 4.2 The Council will need to look at setting up trade accounts with local firms and national brands, there will be a purchase order process in place, to ensure this runs smoothly and in line with the financial regulations.
- 4.3 The Town Rangers would require uniforms and workwear including safety workwear.
- 4.4 The vehicle would require lights, chevrons and signage. It may require being boarded out to be able to attach storage.
- 4.5 It would be preferable to have the tool stock stored at the hub in the upper floor, as this would a secure location, for insurance purposes.
- 4.6 There would be an additional metal storage box for the storage of any chemicals/fuel for health and safety and insurance purposes
- 4.7 In relation to the work vehicle, while Electric would be more sustainable and cost less to run it would require a charge point which at the time of the report would be an issue as there is no suitable location onsite at Western Road to locate this.
  - So, it would be advisable to start with a fuel or hybrid vehicle. As this would provide the council detailed information of mileage and fuel consumption per year to be able to make a more detailed decision further down the line, should the need of the Town Rangers team be expanded.

#### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 To recommend to Full Council to start purchasing the relevant equipment required for the Town Ranger posts which are due to be recruited for in April 2025.
- 5.2 The budget for the expenditure of the above equipment would be from General Reserves