

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item: 16(e)

APPENDIX E

Report to: Full Council

Date: 30th July 2025

Subject: Report for the purchase of an additional Town Ranger
Operational Support Vehicle

Summary: The council is asked to consider purchasing an additional operational vehicle for the Operations Manager.

Introduction

The Town Rangers play a crucial role in maintaining the safety, cleanliness, and overall well-being of our community. To effectively carry out their responsibilities, including patrolling, community engagement, and responding to various environmental issues, the Operations Manager needs to be able to liaise and maintain contact with them using a suitable smaller vehicle.

This report outlines the key requirements and considerations for selecting a further vehicle to support the Town Rangers in their duties.

A versatile and reliable vehicle is essential. The following types are recommended: A mid-sized car or hatchback can handle the day-to-day diversity of the liaison required.

Essential Features

The vehicle should include a small amount of cargo space, sufficient storage for tools, first aid kits, safety equipment, and community engagement materials. A cargo area that can be easily accessed and secured is crucial.

Climate Control:

Heating and air conditioning are important for comfort during all seasons while performing fieldwork.

Environmental Considerations: Given the community's focus on sustainability, the vehicle should prioritise fuel efficiency.

Low Emissions:

Selecting a vehicle with lower emission levels will align with environmental policies and community standards.

Maintenance and Reliability

The vehicle must be durable and easy to maintain. Consideration for warranty and service plans

Long-term service agreements to minimise maintenance costs and ensure the vehicle is always operational.

Reliability:

Models known for longevity and reliability to prevent downtime.

Budget Considerations:

A cost analysis on three types of vehicle available to hire is attached to this report and will be necessary to ensure that the project remains within budget.

Initial Purchase Cost

Selecting a vehicle that provides the best value for the required features. –

Operating Costs: Fuel, maintenance, and insurance should be factored into the ongoing budget.

Vehicle Type	Details	Monthly Cost	Contract Profile
Ford Transit	Transit Car 220 LI 2.0TDci	£311.60 + VAT	36 Months
Vauxhall Combo	Combo Car CRG HI 2300 I.5	£216.85 + VAT	36 Months
Renault Clio	Clio Car HAT I.0 TCe 90 Evolution	£184.74 + VAT	48 Months

Conclusion

The right vehicle is vital for the operations manager to effectively support their duties throughout the community, considering the size of the Town boundary being 32.31 Km

By fulfilling this requirement, we can ensure that Rangers are well-equipped to respond to calls, engage with residents, and ensure compliance with monitoring the health, safety and wellbeing of the Rangers whilst on duty, but also to respond to any problems or concerns they may have whilst on duty and whereby a supervisor on site is required to evaluate risk and operational safety.