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Briefing Note

Van Comparison Costs 2025

For Finance, Governance & Estates Committee 17 July 2025

Introduction

As discussed at the previous FGE Meeting on 18th June 2025 the below is a cost comparison to Purchase a Van over leasing one. Although we would be looking to purchase the Van outright using general reserves the costings below compare the monthly breakdown between leasing and purchasing of a vehicle. However, the new van would become an asset and would be ours after the max term of 48 months.

Comparison

Ref	Van	Model	Status	Total cost (inc. OTR costs ex. VAT)	cost per month over			Lease comparision			Mileage
					24 months	36 months	48 months	24 months	36 months	48 months	
1	Ford Connect Van L1	Trend	New	£24,841.00	£1,035.04	£690.03	£517.52	£884.91	£695.52	£622.97	n/a
2	Ford Connect Van L2	Trend	New	£25,841.00	£1,076.71	£717.81	£538.35				n/a
3	Ford Connect	Trend	Lease purchase	£8,900.00	£370.83	£247.22	£185.42				5650
4	Ford Connect	2024	Used	£18,890.00	£787.08	£524.72	£393.54				4730
5	Ford Connect	2022	Used	£11,700.00	£487.50	£325.00	£243.75				35156
6	Ford Connect	2020	Used	£9,000.00	£375.00	£250.00	£187.50				15362
7	VW Caddy	2020	used	£13,500.00	£562.50	£375.00	£281.25	unable to get a comparision Leasing			22850
8	VW Caddy commerce	2025	New	£29,128.00	£1,213.67	£809.11	£606.83	quote			n/a

The above table shows: -

- Reference Number
- Make of Van,
- Model,
- Whether it is new or used (Lease purchase refers to us purchasing our existing leased van),
- Total cost to purchase the van outright,
- The comparison price per month over 24, 36 and 48 months for purchasing and leasing
- If the van is used, the present mileage.

Recommendation

Presently the best option, highlighted in yellow is to purchase the existing leased van for **£8,900 plus VAT** from ALD Automotive. This is a provisional quotation, and I am waiting on a formal quotation. I believe this would be the most logical option, even if the formal quotation is slightly more than the provisional quote. We are aware of the vehicle's history, it is branded already, it has very low mileage and we know it is fit for purpose. Lastly if there are any marks or minor damage that we have missed then we would not be charged for this on returning the leased vehicle.

It is our recommendation to explore the purchase of the existing Leased Van at the Provisional cost of **£8,900 plus VAT** from General Reserves. We hope to have the formal quotation in time for the July FGE meeting, so a more informed decision can be made.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to **AGREE** to explore the purchase of the Present Leased Van at a Provisional Cost of **£8,900 plus VAT** following the receipt of the Formal Quotation from ALD Automotive.