

APPENDIX A TO:

RBFRS OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME 2026-2027 APPROVAL ENVELOPE

Approval envelope and governance status

- A1. Appendix A sets out the operational equipment requirements proposed within the 2026/27 programme envelope. Approval of the programme envelope does not provide automatic authority to commit expenditure against each individual requirement. Each item will be supported by a proportionate business case and approved through the relevant internal governance route before procurement, contract award or spend is committed.
- A2. Business case scrutiny will confirm the operational need, statutory or regulatory driver, options considered, affordability, funding source, procurement route, whole-life cost, deliverability, equality and sustainability considerations, key risks and expected benefits. Where a business case is not sufficiently evidenced, affordable or compliant with financial and procurement governance, approval to proceed will be withheld, amended or deferred for further review.

Proposed replacement plan

Equipment Type	Reason for change	New Equipment Type	Estimated Cost 2026/27	Comments
Firefighting foam	Legislation change	Flourine-free Foam	£60,000	
Firefighting branches	End of life refresh	Alternate branch to be selected	£3,500	For efficiency, to be replaced as they go out of service mechanically rather than in bulk.
Mod 2 water rescue dry suits	End of life refresh	New product evaluation required	£20,000	Decision to replace 40 suits per year rather than in bulk.
Mod 2 water rescue helmets	End of life refresh	New lightweight rescue helmet so new product evaluation required	£86,000	Plan is to have a multi-purpose helmet to fall in line with potential new lightweight PPE offer.

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Gas tight suits	End of life refresh	New product evaluation required	£8,000	Review underway to align with Thames Valley limited use suits to help reduce provisional costs.
Radiation monitoring eqpt	End of life refresh	New style EPD for crews plus new RADOS for appliances	£3,000	Requirement re-assessed and to be replaced on an end-of-life basis for efficiency reasons.
Battery small tools	End of life refresh	TV contract	£10,000	
Low pressure pumps	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	£5,000	
PPV fans	Lifecycle	TV contract (RBFRS lead)	£15,000	Outcome from the Grenfell Inquiry and tender process underway.
Hydraulic rescue equipment	Spares for new Holmatro equipment	Lifecycle	£12,000	
Smoke curtains	New equipment	New product evaluation required	£14,000	
Welfare shelters	End of life refresh	Lifecycle	£10,000	
		Totals	£246,500	