



**Tuesday,
1 March 2022
1.00 pm**

**Meeting of
Estates and Property
Committee
Sadler Road
Winsford
CW7 2FQ**

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**MEETING OF THE ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022**

Time : 1.00 pm

**Lecture Theatre - Training Centre, Sadler Road, Winsford, Cheshire CW7
2FQ**

AGENDA

PART 1 - BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1A Recording of Meeting

Members are reminded that this meeting will be audio-recorded.

1B Apologies for absence

1C Declarations of Members' Interests

Members are reminded to disclose any interests that are relevant to any item on the Agenda.

1D Minutes of the Estates and Property Committee

(Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Estates and Property Committee held on Monday 24th January 2022.

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION/DECISION

2 Exclusion of the Press and Public

(Pages 5 - 6)

PART 2 - BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

3 Crewe Fire Station Project

(Pages 7 - 38)

This report, concerned with the project to replace the current fire station in Crewe with a new building on the same site, includes: an updated report on progress; information about proposals from the contractor; and a commentary about risks associated with the project.

Members are being asked to decide if this project should proceed to the construction phase.

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE held on Monday, 24 January 2022 at Lecture Theatre - Training Centre, Sadler Road, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2FQ at 12.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Karen Mundry (Chair), Rob Moreton, Stef Nelson, Stuart Parker, Peter Wheeler, Derek Barnett and Michael Beanland and independent (non-elected) member Derek Barnett

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A Recording of Meeting

Members are reminded that this meeting would be audio recorded.

B Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marilyn Houston and Norman Wright. Councillor Michael Beanland attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Norman Wright.

C Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

D Notes of the Informal Meeting of the Estates and Property Committee

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the informal meeting of members of the Estates and Property Committee held on Tuesday 17th August 2021 be noted.

2 SERVICE HOUSING PROJECT

The Director of Governance and Commissioning introduced the report which updated Members on progress with the project. He advised that over 40% of the necessary refurbishment works would be completed by the end of the 2021-22 financial year. Officers were working on the assumption that the Fire Authority would continue to fund the remaining works, carrying forward into future budgets a sum between £300k and £350k per year until the works were completed.

RESOLVED:

[1] the report be noted.

3 WILMSLOW DAY CREWED HOUSING

The Director of Governance and Commissioning introduced the report which allowed Members to provide guidance on the approach to securing day crewed housing in Wilmslow if the Fire Authority decided to proceed with the day crewing proposal at its next meeting.

He explained that a report would be considered by the Fire Authority in February 2022 that would include the proposal to transition operations at Wilmslow Fire Station from the current nucleus duty system to a day crewed duty system. If the Fire Authority agreed to proceed with the proposal, then there would be a requirement to purchase nine houses in close proximity to Wilmslow Fire Station.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report which asked the Committee to consider making a recommendation to the Fire Authority that the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Treasurer be delegated with authority to purchase the nine properties. Members were happy with this approach provided that the Chair of the Fire Authority was consulted.

RECOMMENDED: That

[1] the Fire Authority delegates authority to the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to purchase nine properties in Wilmslow for day crewed housing subject to them consulting with the Chair of the Fire Authority.

4 CREWE FIRE STATION

The Director of Governance and Commissioning introduced the report which updated Members on progress with the project to replace the existing fire station in Crewe.

He advised that the impediments on progress reported at the last meeting were nearly resolved. An agreement had been reached with the Crown to allow the training tower to be erected without it being in breach of the restrictive covenant. It was expected that a decision from Cheshire East Council on the matter would be received shortly.

The Director of Governance and Commissioning explained that the project could not be progressed, as planned. A range of factors had caused the contractor's proposals to exceed the available budget. The project team was working with the contractor to ensure that the project could be delivered within budget. Only then would Members be asked to approve the construction of the new fire station. He assured Members that the Committee would be updated. In fact, since writing the report progress had been encouraging and it was possible that the project team could revert to Members sooner than suggested in the report.

A Member asked if the option for an alternative site had been considered. The Director advised that this option was not feasible as an agreement could not be

reached within an acceptable timescale

RESOLVED: That

[1] the report be noted.

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CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
DATE: 1ST MARCH 2022
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
AUTHOR: ANDREW LEADBETTER

SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Recommended:

That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Order 2006, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business listed below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 A to the Act in the paragraphs indicated:

Item 3: Crewe Fire Station

Paragraphs

- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).

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