



URGENT BUSINESS TO BE DETERMINED BETWEEN FIRE AUTHORITY MEETINGS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS 4.87 to 4.89

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Date: 11th March 2022

MATTER REQUIRING APPROVAL

PROPOSAL TO DONATE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT FIREFIGHTERS IN UKRAINE

COUNCILLORS WHOSE SUPPORT IS SOUGHT

Councillor B Rudd
Councillor S Parker
Councillor M Biggin

COUNCILLORS COPIED IN FOR INFORMATION

Councillor S Nelson

APPROVAL IS SOUGHT BY

The Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive
The Monitoring Officer
The Treasurer

INFORMATION

The Home Office has asked UK fire and rescue services to make donations of vehicles and equipment to support firefighters in Ukraine. The NFCC, working with FireAid, is co-ordinating the response and some donations have already been made. There is the potential for fire and rescue services to be reimbursed for unused equipment that is donated, but this is still being discussed with Government. Older, second-hand items, such as appliances, will not attract any reimbursement.

The following vehicles have been identified (with indicative values):

1	Hydraulic Platform	(£8k)
4	Fire Appliances	(£10.8k)

The following equipment has been identified (with indicative values):

96	Over Trousers	(£22.3k)
23	Tunics	(£7.3k)
8	Helmets	(3k)
40	Pairs Fire Gloves	(2k)

The donation of these vehicles and the equipment will not impact upon service provision, nor compromise the safety of our firefighters. The vehicles are old and not utilised operationally. Their values are very low as they are effectively 'end of life' as far as the Service is concerned. Much of the equipment is held in reserve and has been superseded by a newer version that is in general use.

The Financial Rules require donations over £20k to be approved by the Fire Authority. The above donation has an indicative total value of £53,400. Some of this may be reimbursed, but this is not guaranteed.

REASON FOR URGENCY

This decision cannot wait until a meeting of the Fire Authority is arranged. In any event, initial communication with Members leads us to believe that there will be all party support for the donation.

DECISION

I support the action described above.

Signed	Cllr Bob Rudd	Date	11 th March 2022
Signed	Cllr Stuart Parker	Date	14 th March 2022
Signed	Cllr Mike Biggin	Date	11 th March 2022

ADDENDUM

The Group Spokespersons were further contacted on 4th April 2022 as some additional equipment had been identified for donation. The following paragraphs provide details:

Since the original Urgent Business Form was processed some additional equipment has been identified for donation. This will be co-ordinated with the despatch of the vehicles, which is due to take place in the second week of April.

The additional equipment has a notional value of circa £10k, with the majority of this value attributed to thermal imaging cameras (around £8k). These cameras have been superseded by a much superior product and will never be used by the Service again. It is not clear whether there is a market for them. There are a few new items in the consignment which are valued at £70; all other items are used.

As mentioned previously, the donation will have no impact on the operational effectiveness of the Service, or firefighter safety.

The Group Spokespersons indicated their support for the donation of this additional equipment.

Signed	Cllr Bob Rudd	Date	4 th April 2022
Signed	Cllr Stuart Parker	Date	5 th April 2022
Signed	Cllr Mike Biggin	Date	5 th April 2022