



URGENT BUSINESS TO BE DETERMINED BETWEEN FIRE AUTHORITY MEETINGS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS 4.87 to 4.89

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Date: 6th May 2022

MATTER REQUIRING APPROVAL

PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING TO THE
CREWE FIRE STATION PROJECT

COUNCILLORS WHOSE SUPPORT IS SOUGHT

Councillor B Rudd
Councillor S Parker
Councillor M Biggin

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Councillor S Nelson

SUPPORT IS SOUGHT BY

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

INFORMATION

Since the Estates and Property Committee decided, on 1st March 2022, that the Project to replace the existing fire station in Crewe with a new building, should proceed, there have been developments that have led to a delay in signing the design and build contract. During this period the cost of the Project has increased.

The Project can only proceed if additional capital funding is allocated. The sum of £375k is required, increasing the overall budget from £7m to £7.375m.

The project team is satisfied that the cost increases, due to the impact of abnormal inflation, are consistent with the current market conditions that are affecting the construction sector.

The contractual arrangement that has been negotiated will provide the same level of certainty that has been provided on other new build projects. This protects the Fire Authority from the impact of abnormal inflation.

Note

A briefing was arranged for the following Members: Chair and Deputy Chair of the Fire Authority; Group Spokespersons; Lead Members; and the Chair and Deputy Chair of Estates and Property Committee.

The briefing contained information that was commercially sensitive.

REASON FOR URGENCY

This decision cannot wait until a meeting of the Fire Authority is arranged. The project team believe that any delay will see the cost of the Project increase further. It is imperative that the design and build contract is entered into immediately in order to secure the Project at the increased cost with the contractual protection that has been offered.

DECISION

I support the action described above.

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| Signed | Cllr Bob Rudd | Date | 6th May 2022 |
| Signed | Cllr Stuart Parker | Date | 6 th May 2022 |