

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 28 MARCH 2019  
**REPORT OF:** DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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**SUBJECT:** CREATING A JOINT FIRE AND POLICE FACILITY  
ON THE CREWE FIRE STATION SITE

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## Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with an update on progress to create a joint fire and police facility on the Crewe Fire Station site.

**Recommended:** That Members;

[1] note the progress made to date.

## Background

2. In September 2018, Members committed to proceed with a joint fire and police facility on the Crewe Fire Station site. Officers were authorised to enter into suitable arrangements including written agreements with the Police and Crime Commissioner to enable the project to be progressed. The sum of £5m was included in the capital programme to cover the potential Fire Authority contribution to the cost of creating the facility. The sum of £200k was made available to fund initial design works, some surveys/checks and the creation of an initial cost plan.

## Information

3. Officers have worked with police colleagues to produce a complete set of requirements and to challenge as far as possible, the notion that there need to be separate facilities.
4. Officers have instructed a range of advisers and commissioned various surveys, which should lead to a clear understanding of any site constraints and the scale of the proposed building. This work should be completed late April/early May.
5. External legal advisers will also be in place in the next few weeks to advise the Fire Authority. They will secure suitable and adequate documentation to progress the project.

## Financial Implications

6. At this point, the Fire Authority has committed up to £200k. Before it commits further funds, it will need to be satisfied with the work carried out to date.

## **Legal Implications**

7. The Authority's external legal advisers will be instructed to create the necessary legal documentation to support appropriate governance for the delivery phase and the ongoing legal relationship between the parties.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

8. The facility will be designed to take into account equality and diversity requirements.

## **Environmental Implications**

9. The facility will be a considerable improvement over the existing buildings which are not efficient.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**