



URGENT BUSINESS TO BE DETERMINED BETWEEN FIRE AUTHORITY MEETINGS PROCEDURAL MATTERS (PARAGRAPHS 4.87 TO 4.89 OF CONSTITUTION)

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MATTER REQUIRING SUPPORT

**PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING TO THE PROJECT TO
REPLACE CHESTER FIRE STATION IN ORDER TO ALLOW ELEMENTS TO BE
INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PERFORMANCE OF THE BUILDING**

COUNCILLORS WHOSE SUPPORT IS SOUGHT

Councillor B Rudd, Councillor S Parker and 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 and the Treasurer

INFORMATION

A report, together with Appendix 1, that was considered by Estates and Property Committee, on 13th March 2020, is appended to this document. The Committee decided that the enhanced Option 2 to improve the environmental performance of the replacement Chester Fire Station should be recommended to the Fire Authority (see Appendix 1, paragraphs 20 onwards, which explain what the enhanced Option 2 involves). The enhanced Option 2 is expected to cost around £270k (some elements have not been priced competitively at this point).

The reason that this decision was not resolved by the Committee is because additional funding is needed: a further allocation of capital to the project. The original budget (and contingency) cannot cover the elements required to improve the environmental performance of the fire station; that funding is already expected to be exceeded for a variety of reasons, some of which are explained in the report.

Officers intend to instruct the contractor to proceed with the elements that will deliver the improved environmental performance (enhanced Option 2). In order to commit to the works, it is necessary to allocate an additional sum to the project. Officers propose to allocate a further £300k.

It is likely that the additional costs will be funded by a further contribution from reserves. The position will be assessed following the closure of the accounts for 2019/20.

REASON FOR URGENCY

In order to include the elements in the project it is necessary to instruct the contractor prior to the next available Fire Authority meeting.

SUPPORT

I support the proposal to allocate additional funding to the Chester Fire Station project to allow elements to be added to the project which will improve the environmental performance of the building.

Confirmed	Councillor Bob Rudd	Dated 9 April 2020
Confirmed	Councillor Mike Biggin	Dated 9 April 2020
Confirmed	Councillor Stuart Parker	Dated 15 April 2020

Notes:

If you do not support the proposal, please amend this form and return it to the Contact Officer.

In the current situation an email response will suffice.