

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY  
**DATE:** 1 JULY 2020  
**REPORT OF:** DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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**SUBJECT:** FIRE STATION MODERNISATION PROGRAMME  
– RELEASE OF BALANCE OF CAPITAL  
FUNDING

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## Purpose of Report

1. To secure the release of the balance of allocated capital funding for the Fire Station Modernisation Programme.

## Recommended: That

- [1] The Fire Station Modernisation Programme – Progress Report and Funding (Appendix 1) be noted; and
- [2] The balance of the allocated capital funding for the Fire Station Modernisation Programme be released.

## Background

2. The Estates and Property Committee considered a report of the Director of Governance and Commissioning at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The report is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## Information

3. Since the Committee met in March, the Year One works at Birchwood, Middlewich, Runcorn and Sandbach have all been completed. The Year Zero works at Bollington and Tarporley were completed at the end of the last financial year.
4. Currently, spend on the Programme stands at £3.3m. £5m of the allocated funding (and roughly £200k of the initial £3.5m) is left. Members will see from Appendix 1 that officers anticipate that the Programme will cost between £11.5 and £12m in total (albeit that is quite speculative given the substantial question marks caused by Brexit and Covid-19).
5. Members are asked to confirm the release of the balance of the original funding - £5m. This will fund Year 2 and part of Year 3 of the Programme. However, officers intend to seek additional funding prior to the Year 3 works being

instructed. The additional funding that is required will almost certainly lead to borrowing.

### **Financial Implications**

6. The financial implications are covered in the report.

### **Legal Implications**

7. There are no legal implications associated within the report.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

8. There are no equality and diversity implications associated within the report.

### **Environmental Implications**

9. There are no environmental implications associated within the report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**