

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2020
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
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SUBJECT: CHESTER FIRE STATION

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with information about progress with the project.

Recommended: That

- [1] Members note the report.

Background

2. The Fire Authority decided to replace Chester Fire Station with a new building in December 2017. Planning permission was obtained in June 2019. The Fire Authority subsequently decided to increase the environmental performance of the building.

Information

3. A report prepared by IKG Consulting Limited is attached to this report as Appendix 1. Members will see that, notwithstanding the challenges of operating during the current Covid-19 Pandemic the project has progressed well and should be completed early in 2021.

Financial Implications

4. The capital approval for the project was £5.51m. Members agreed that a contingency of 5% (£275,000) could also be utilised. An additional £300,000 was allocated for the environmental enhancement of the building. The attached report explains why the cost of the project is going to exceed the total of the capital approvals (and contingency). Currently, this is showing as circa £125,000 and the main reasons are set out in Appendix 1, but delays caused by Covid-19 have the potential to cause that figure to increase further.

Legal Implications

5. None of the matters covered in this report have legal implications.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. None of the matters covered in this report have an impact upon equality and diversity. Decisions concerned with equality and diversity were made early in the project when the new fire station was being designed.

Environmental Implications

7. The environmental enhancements approved by the Fire Authority will mean that the new fire station will be zero carbon for regulated energy.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE