

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
**REPORT OF:** DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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**SUBJECT:** TRAINING CENTRE

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## 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 create an enhanced training facility at the Sadler Road site in September 2017. Planning permission was obtained in March 2019. Work commenced in May 2019.

## Information

3. A report prepared by IKG Consulting Limited is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
4. Members will see that the project is nearing its conclusion, with the construction phase due to be completed in first half of November 2020. Whilst Covid-19 has had an impact, it has been managed well by the contractor, advisers and staff on-site and although the works were inevitably slower in some respects, momentum on the project was been maintained.

## Financial Implications

5. The capital approval for the project was £11,000,000. Members also agreed that a contingency of 5%, £550,000, could also be utilised. As has been reported previously the project has encountered some additional costs and the budget was under pressure from very early on. The report at Appendix 1 explains the key elements that have added to the overall cost. Currently, if the maintenance works (see table in Appendix 1) are rightly ignored (as they should be considered to be additional out-of-scope capital works, necessary as part of the Training Centre project but relating to parts of the existing building) the project is over budget by 6.94%. Whilst this involves a significant overspend, most elements were outside our control. The final figure is not expected to

change significantly, though it will not be known until some time after the works are completed.

### **Legal Implications**

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

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

7. None of the matters covered in this report have an impact upon equality and diversity.

### **Environmental Implications**

8. None of the matters covered in this report have an impact upon the environment.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**