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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

Thursday, 27 July 2023

Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation

Fire Mitigation Programme 2023-24
(Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Budget)

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County Wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service or function concerned (this is currently defined as £500,000)

3. Purpose

3.1 Approval is sought for the allocation and procurement of the Fire Mitigation Programme (FMP) of works within the Derbyshire County Council's property portfolio.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Further to the recent cabinet meeting approving the Capital Programme Approvals, Treasury Management and Capital Strategies report which included the approval of the Fire Mitigation Programme for 2023-2024 on 02 February 2023. This report seeks approval to allocate projects to

the FMP budget for 2023-2024. The initial approval on the 02 February 2023 was for £0.5m.

The FMP is formulated from a continued programme of Technical Fire Risk Assessments undertaken by Corporate Services & Transformation Fire Risk Assessors based on The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 Legislation. Properties are categorised based on their usage and prioritised accordingly for FMP identified works.

The programme is asset challenged to ensure that the prioritisation is also aligned to the Asset Management Strategy and the asset rationalisation programme and to reduce abortive work.

The FMP is determined on an annual basis and the proposed allocation for the 2023-2024 FMP comprises 18 projects with a total estimated value of £0.5m

Details of the proposed FMP projects are contained in Appendix 2. Although each project will commence during the current financial year, not all works on the various sites will be completed during the current financial year. Any changes to proposed budget allocations or to the FMP will be approved in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

5. Consultation

5.1 Not arising out of this report.

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Not to undertake the FMP would result in potential loss of building stock as the result of spread of fires.

6.2 Not to undertake FMP would leave staff and members of the public at risk in the event of fire within the Council's building portfolio.

7. Implications

7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

8.1 Previous Management Report which included the approval of the capital programmes for 2023-2024 on 02 February 2023.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a) Approves the Fire Mitigation Programme 2023-2024.
- b) Approves all goods, works and services required to undertake the identified projects within the Fire Mitigation Programme 2023-2024 which will be procured and awarded in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.
- c) Approves the procurement of the projects identified in appendix 2 which are included in the Council's forward plan in-line with the Council's Financial Regulations.
- d) Notes that some contracts award will be approved in accordance with the Council's Departmental Scheme of Delegation.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 Failure to undertake fire mitigation works would lead to non-compliant building stock and present a risk to staff and public using the buildings as identified with in Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- 11.2 These works will protect lives and building stock assets in the event of fire along with preventing financial loss and loss of service through fire.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No

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Appendix 1

Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The cost of the projects identified in appendix 2 will be funded from the 2023-2024 Fire Mitigation Programme approved by Cabinet on 02 February 2023

Legal

- 2.1 All goods, works and services required to undertake the identified projects within the Fire Mitigation Programme will be procured and awarded in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

In-line with the Council's Financial Regulations this reports also seeks approval from Cabinet to obtain permission to procure the projects identified in appendix 1. The projects identified will be considered as included within the Council's Forward Procurement Plan and any subsequent contract award will be in accordance with the Councils Departmental Scheme of Delegation. The Director of Legal and Democratic Services should be consulted in drafting the report to ensure all subsequent legal implications arising are addressed.

- 2.2 The projects identified within appendix 2 will be designed and delivered in accordance with relevant legislation and statutory guidance.

Human Resources

- 3.1 The projects identified within appendix 2 will be delivered through the utilisation of existing resources, our Joint Venture Partner; Concertus (Derbyshire) Limited and external contractors.

Information Technology

- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Delivering the FMP enables the Council to maintain safe & compliant assets for service uses, staff and communities.