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## **Combined Fire Authority**

**21 September 2020**

### **Land at Fylands Bridge Bishop Auckland**

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## **Report of the Head of Corporate Resources**

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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Authority approval for the dedication of land adjacent to Bishop Auckland Community Fire Station to Durham County Council (DCC) for use as public highway.

### **Background**

2. In February 2008 the Authority entered into a transfer of 0.8 hectares of land for the construction of Bishop Auckland Community Fire Station at Fylands Bridge, Bishop Auckland.
3. Within the transfer agreement there were positive benefits to the transferor which committed the Authority to construct a new access road to adoptable standards and to use best endeavours to ensure that the access road was adopted. A view of the partially constructed access road can be seen in fig. 1 below.
4. In 2019, the transferor of the land sought to ensure this covenant was met. Upon investigation by DCC highways department it was found that during the construction phase of the new fire station, the road had not been made up to adoptable standard along the full length as defined in the transfer agreement.
5. DCC highways team have assessed and estimated that works totalling £14,000 are required to meet the agreed standards.
6. In order to allow this work to be undertaken and for the access road to be adopted by DCC highways it is necessary for the Combined Fire Authority to grant approval for the dedication of the land to use as public highway.



Fig 1. Aerial view of Bishop Auckland Fire Station and adjacent access road.

## Recommendations

7. Members are asked to **agree** to provide letter of dedication to be sent to Durham County Council to enable the access road for use as public highway.