



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

20 June 2023

Estates Update

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update members on the latest position in relation to the Estates Improvement Programme (EIP) and other matters relating to Service wide Estates.

Background

2. In recent years, The Authority has supported significant estates projects that aim to modernise the estate so that it is fit for purpose and provides a basis for delivering efficient services in future years.

Estates Improvement Programme

3. The EIP forms part of the overall capital budget which was approved by the Combined Fire Authority in February 2022. The capital scheme at Wheatley Hill was formally handed over on 14 November 2022 to the primary contractor, The Together Group (TTG), and is expected to conclude by the end of June 2023.

Project	Budget	Timescale
Wheatley Hill Station Refurbishment	£0.881M	Est. end June 2023

4. The project has continued to progress well and is approaching completion in this next month. At this stage, the project is expected to deliver on timetable and within budget.

Seaham and Newton Aycliffe Day Crewing Plus (DCP) Accommodation

5. Since the cessation of the Day Crewing Plus working arrangements at Seaham and Newton Aycliffe, the Service has been seeking a suitable alternative tenant / buyer to take on the accommodation and associated running costs.
6. The following resolution was agreed at the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) meeting on the 15 February 2023:

“it was resolved that the proposed disposals of day crewing plus accommodation would be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with Darlington Members.”
7. The accommodation at Seaham has been sold to Durham County Council following consultation with Darlington Members.
8. The CFA will receive a further update on the disposal of the accommodation building at Newton Aycliffe at the July 2023 CFA.

Recommendation

9. Members are requested to **note** the report.

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