



**Safest People, Safest Places**

**Combined Fire Authority**

**18 July 2023**

**Estates Update**

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## **Report of the Director of Corporate Resources**

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### **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 was planned to conclude by the end of June 2023.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
<b>Wheatley Hill Station Refurbishment</b>	<b>£0.881M</b>	<b>Est. end June 2023</b>

4. Practical completion took place on Monday 3 July, a few days later than the original estimate. Delays were attributable to construction supplies. Although final budgets are to be calculated, the project is expected to deliver within the assigned budget.

### **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 Newton Aycliffe has been sold to Durham County Council following a full asking price offer of £260,000 and after consultation with Darlington Members.

### **Recommendation**

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

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