



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

HIGHFIELDS FIRE STATION

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda No:

Date: 5 September 2008

Purpose of Report:

To propose to Members a visit to the Highfields fire station construction to assess progress.

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1. BACKGROUND

As part of its integrated risk management planning process in 2004, the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority approved the merger of Dunkirk and Beeston fire stations. A new site at Hassocks Lane was identified and construction commenced late in 2007. The fire station is due for completion in November 2008.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 At its meeting of 25 July 2008 the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report from the Chief Fire Officer which outlined current progress with the construction of Highfields fire station. As a consequence the Finance and Resources Committee approved a recommendation that all Members of the Authority should be invited to attend the site for a brief on the overall design and progress.
- 2.2 As a consequence of this recommendation, a visit has been arranged for the Authority to attend Highfields at the rising of the Authority meeting on Friday 5 September 2008.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Highfields fire station represents a major capital investment by the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority in its service delivery to the public.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

All staff affected by the move to the new station have been consulted and have been written to recently to assess their personal preferences over relocation. There are no specific learning and development implications.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The design of the fire station is such that the requirements of both the public and employees who may resort to the station have been addressed. Issues regarding gender, disability and sexuality have all been accommodated within the design concept.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Highfields fire station ensures that Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service can continue to deliver its service to the community. The modern design will reduce the risks from the two outdated buildings currently in operation.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to approve and endorse a visit to the Highfields Fire Station upon the rising of the Fire and Rescue Authority on Friday 5 September 2008

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

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