

Executive Board – 21 November 2023

Subject:	London Road – Emergency Planning function – an update
Corporate Director(s)/Director(s):	Sajeeda Rose, Corporate Director for Growth and City Development
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Steve Battlemuch, Portfolio Holder for Skills, Growth, Economic Development and Property
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Other colleagues who have provided input:	
Subject to call-in:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Criteria for Key Decision:	
(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £750,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision
and/or	
(b)	Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of expenditure:	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital If Capital, provide the date considered by Capital Board Date: N/A
Total value of the decision:	£0
Wards affected:	Meadows
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):	5th October 2023
Relevant Council Plan Key Outcome:	
Green, Clean and Connected Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Working	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carbon Neutral by 2028	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safer Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child-Friendly Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Living Well in our Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Moving	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve the City Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving People Well	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):	
To provide an update on the current position regarding the proposals to relocate the Council's Emergency Planning function to Loxley House and assign the Council's existing lease at the London Road Fire Station to the Police and Crime Commissioner	
Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?	No
Recommendation(s):	
1 To note the current position in that the assignment of the Council's lease and transfer of the	

1. Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 This report is presented for noting in the spirit of openness and transparency to inform that the proposed transaction/transfer is no longer proceeding.

2. Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 At its meeting held on the 22nd November 2022 Executive Board approved inter alia:

2.1.1 “The terms of an assignment of the Council’s occupational lease in accommodation at London Road Fire Station, currently housing the council’s Emergency Planning function, to the Police and Crime Commissioner on terms as set out in an exempt appendix, and noted:

2.1.2 The beneficial impacts of the transaction and arrangements for the bringing back of the Emergency Planning function into Loxley House and associated timescales (a target date for completion was set for 31st March 2023).

2.1.3 That the decision facilitates the securing of a permanent Police presence in the Meadows area of the City in support of the Council’s Corporate policies in relation to community safety”.

- 2.2 The original approach from the Police in relation to this project was to enable them to establish whether it was feasible to move their Response and Neighbourhoods unit out of Riverside, as part of a plan to remove all police personnel from their Riverside base. Terms for the assignment of the council’s lease and relocation of the Emergency Planning function were subsequently agreed and approved by Executive Board on the 22nd November 2022.

- 2.3 Increasing inflation in relation to the cost of relocation of the Emergency Planning function caused some delay and a need to renegotiate some elements. Because of the uncertainty that caused, and the Police’s now advised intention to remain in Riverside until 2027, they have advised that they are no longer able to proceed.

- 2.4 The Police have reaffirmed their commitment to continue to have a dedicated Meadows Neighbourhood Policing Team and who will remain visible and committed to working in and with the local community.

- 2.5 It has been confirmed to the Police informally that the council would be willing to enter into further discussion/reopen the matter with them if they wished at a point in the future on terms to be agreed and subject to any required formal approval being obtained.

- 2.6 Police colleagues have been fully consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

3. Other options considered in making recommendations

3.1 There are no other options available at the present time

4. Consideration of Risk

4.1 There are no risks associated with the contents of this report

5. Best Value Considerations, including consideration of Make or Buy where appropriate

5.1 Not applicable as the report is for noting only

6. Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

6.1 This report informs that the proposed arrangements made in the Executive Board report of 22nd November 2022 will now no longer take place. As no amendments to budgets had been made (the move not having taken place) there are no financial implications from this report.

Comments provided by Sarah Baker, Senior Commercial Business Partner,
26th October

7. Legal colleague comments

7.1 As this report is only to note that a proposed transaction will not be proceeding it raises no legal issues.

Comments provided by Malcolm R. Townroe, Director of Legal and Governance 1 November 2023.

8. Other Relevant Comments

8.1 Strategic Assets & Property

The contents of this report and update are noted and there are no issues arising in terms of Strategic Assets & Property. The Emergency Planning team will continue to operate from its current location at the London Road Station and Strategic Asset Management will continue to manage the facility as and when required.

Comments provided by Beverley Gouveia, Disposals & Development Manager,
10th October 2023.

9. Social value considerations (If Applicable)

9.1 Not applicable

10. Regard to the NHS Constitution (If Applicable)

10.1 Not applicable

11. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

11.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No
An EIA is not required because there are no related implications arising from this report

12. Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

12.1 Has the data protection impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No
A DPIA is not required because there are no related implications arising from this report

13. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)

13.1 Has the carbon impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No
A CIA is not required because there are no implications arising from this report

14. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

14.1 None

15. Published documents referred to in this report

15.1 Report to Executive Board dated 22nd November 2023 – London Road-Emergency Planning function