

16 July 2018**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****COUNTY HALL CLASP BLOCK DEMOLITION****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek £162k as a variation to the approved Capital Programme to fund the shortfall in the budget for the County Hall CLASP Block demolition and associated works.

Information

2. £1.3m was approved as part of the 2015/16 Annual Budget Report to Full Council in February 2015 to fund the demolition of the CLASP Block at County Hall.
3. A further £0.6m was approved as part of the 2016/17 Annual Budget Report to Full Council in February 2016 to fund the re-provision of services following the demolition of the CLASP block.
4. An additional £16k was subsequently approved as part of the 2016/17 Final Accounts report.
5. This gives an approved budget for the whole project of £1.916m, however the final account for the project gives a total expenditure of £2.078m, an overspend of £162k.
6. Factors which led to the increased expenditure included:
 - A Council requested feasibility project which was not taken into account in the budget approval
 - A contingency allowance which was approved but was not taken into account in the budget approval
 - Council internal requests for works to be added to the project which were not added to the approved budget.
 - The additional works were needed to address the requirement of unitary power system to be installed under the request of NCC IT department, water mains works outside of the scheme which were to be funded by NCC Legionella Remedial Fund and the relocation of a distribution board which was to be funded by NCC planned maintenance.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

10. The increase in costs will need to be met from the capital programme, reducing the monies available for other projects.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended:

- 1) That £162k from the Capital Programme be used to fund the shortfall in the budget for the County Hall CLASP Block demolition and associated works.

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Constitutional Comments [CEH 04/07/2018]

11. The s151 officer is aware of this request to vary the capital programme. Under the financial regulations the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee has the delegated authority to consider variations of up to £2,000,000 to the capital programme.

Financial Comments [GB 27/06/2018]

12. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All