

Decision Notice

DN 14/2021 Date XX/XX/XXXX

Ripon estate

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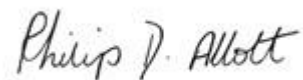
Background

North Yorkshire Police co-located into the Fire station in Ripon in 2018. Temporary accommodation was provided but plans for fuller refurbishment were stalled by site complications. This has now come to a head and the current accommodation is no longer fit for purpose for either Service.

An options assessment has been conducted to develop a suitable solution in conjunction with key stakeholders across the two services. A modular build on the current site to provide accommodation, with continued use of the appliance bays and tower, has been determined as the most suitable option which delivers a good medium-term solution in a reasonable timescale, and which provides the best value for money to the public purse. The cost of this is apportioned as £649,717 to NYFRS and £512,388 to NYP. As NYP are contributing to their build cost there will be no rental charge from Fire to Police but the maintenance of the building will be split proportionately between the services.

Decision Record

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Philip Allott
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire

Statutory Officer Advice

Legal, Management and Equality Implications

The Commissioner's Interim Assistant Chief Executive and Deputy Monitoring Officer, on behalf of the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, is satisfied that

this report does not ask the Commissioner to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Financial and Commercial

The Commissioner's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that an assessment has been undertaken of the space requirements within the proposed new modular building which has determined the level of contribution to the capital expenditure of the project. This ensures that there is no cross subsidy of services/finances by one service to the other.

Given that the modular build will be on a Fire owned site then the Police will fund their element via a contribution to Fire. As Police are contributing towards their share of the building costs then there will be no rental charges from Fire to Police for the use of the building.

The running costs of the building will however be split.