

Decision Record – Nuneaton and Bedworth Local Centres

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Councillor Alan Cockburn (Deputy Leader) Councillor Colin Hayfield (Portfolio Holder, Customers)
Date of Decision (not before: 20 th Sept 2013)	26/09/2013

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Customers approve a virement of £725,000 from the Property Rationalisation Plan budget comprising:

- (a) funding of £575,000 to upgrade 1014 Lancaster House (Exhall Grange School) and 1188 Hillary Road in Nuneaton; and
- (b) funding of £150,000 to increase the total funding for upgrading 1242 Kings House in Bedworth to £675,000.

That the Deputy Leader approves the award of a contract for the three upgrade projects at a total cost of £1,250,000 via the Scape/Empa Minor Works Framework.

Reasons for Decisions

Scape framework contracts will be utilised as a main contract, and will employ various sub contract disciplines to complete the full range of works within the limited timescale. The total value of the three projects is £1,250,000, which means that the approval of the Deputy Leader is required to undertake the necessary procurement exercise. It is envisaged that works across all three sites will be complete for October 2013.

Scape is a Local Authority controlled company wholly owned by Derby City, Derbyshire County, Gateshead, Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire County and Warwickshire County Councils in equal shares.

Scape was formed under section 95 of the 2003 Local Government Act and incorporated 21 December 2005; and began trading 1 April 2006. Scape acts as a Contracting Authority and Central Purchasing Body as defined in the EU Procurement Directives.

The project value including all fees and charges for the whole programme is estimated to be £1,250,000, the full cost of which will be met from the existing capital budget (11041000) Rationalisation of the Councils Property (PRP).

Current project estimates for the work are:

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| • Kings House | £675,000 |
| • Lancaster House | £50,000 |
| • Hilary Road | £525,000 |

£525,000 funding has already been made available from the PRP budget (via Q1 review) for the works to Kings House and so approval is now required only for a £150,000 increase in the funding for that project. Another £575,000 is required for the Lancaster House and Hilary Road projects. This funding is made available by way of virement, which given the values requires the approval of the Portfolio Holder for Customers.

The Nuneaton & Bedworth Local Centres Options Appraisal is attached at to the proposed decision report at:
<http://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2836/Committee/551/Default.aspx>

Background Information

Following a review carried out by Physical Assets and People Group, it has been agreed to reconfigure current service delivery locations into local centres and reduce the overall number of properties held by the authority in Nuneaton & Bedworth. Two local centres are to be provided in Nuneaton & Bedworth and these are to be based at Kings House and Lancaster House in Bedworth and Hilary Road in Nuneaton. Releasing Hillcrest Road, Beada House and the Bridgeway Centre.

Adaptation works to varying degrees are required at all three locations to accommodate People Group Teams. The timescale for commencing the service is limited and is expected to be functioning by October 2013 at Kings House and early 2014 at Hilary Road.

Delivery of the adaptation works is vital to ensure continued service delivery and compliance with the Council's Accommodation Standards.

Financial Implications

As outlined in the report.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	N/a
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered - please include link to report

Link to published proposed decision report:
<http://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2836/Committee/551/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

Option appraisal and business case in respect of Local Centres at Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Alan Cockburn and Councillor Colin Hayfield
All Strategic Directors
Legal – Alison Hallworth, Vicky Newbold, Jane Pollard
Finance – Liz Firmstone
Equality – Minakshee Patel
Democratic Services – Georgina Atkinson

Corporate Services OSC – party spokes:

Councillors Nicola Davies, Martin Heatley, June Tandy and Alan Webb

Comments from Cllr Olnor: *“I think regarding the Nun and Bed area, the question needs to be asked where is the most use situated, if it is the Nuneaton area that is the area that needs the most intensive development and not.”*