

Decision Record – Addition to the Capital Programme for Replacement of Mass Calibration Comparators

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Alan Cockburn Deputy Leader
Date of Decision	27 October 2014

Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader gives approval to add the purchase of two new mass comparators to the 2014/15 Capital Programme at a total cost of £45,045; the entire cost to be funded from the existing calibration revenue reserve.

Reasons for Decisions

To enhance the facilities offered by the mass calibration laboratory two ageing comparators now need to be replaced. This will enable the laboratory:

- to extend the range of weights that can be submitted for calibration,
- to obtain UKAS accreditation for Mass Calibration,
- to offer a wider scope of calibration options for businesses,
- to grow the customer base and increase income generation by the laboratory

Background Information

The mass calibration laboratory constitutes the second largest contribution to the revenue of calibration services as a whole and continues to see a steady increase in business customer base. Although the lab retains the majority of facilities, certain pieces of essential equipment are either becoming obsolete or developing intermittent faults.

Whilst the laboratory remains functional, the current comparators do not cover as broad a range as customers are now demanding. The comparators are old and will require replacement in the near future. New comparators are easy and quick to use which would make the laboratory more efficient enabling operators to deal with increased demand from business.

Financial Implications

Funding for the replacements is already in place within the calibration revenue reserve, which has been accumulating trading surpluses year on year in order to fund replacement equipment.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

Report Considered

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3028/Committee/551/Default.aspx>

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

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

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