

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer:

Subject/ Title:
A1011 Longsight Custody Suite Upgrade

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision	X	Chief Officer's decision	

In all cases this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

The decision is that:						
The Deputy Mayor approves the proposals and associated costs for upgrades to the Longsight Police Station- Custody Suite.						
The decision requires;						
1. The commitment of £7.5m capital based on the current estimated spending profile of an In-Year (FY 23/24) spending of £309k, and FY 24/25 spending of £7.5m. (financial table is presented below).						
2. The appointment of an external contractor through a compliant framework to deliver the detailed design and construction.						
Investment required for implementation						
	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Total
Capital	£309,320	£7,190,680	£0	£0	£0	£7,500,000
Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Funding required for next stage	£309,320	£7,190,680	£0	£7,500,000	£0	£7,500,000
The reasons for the decision are:						
The renovation of the Longsight Police Station custody suite will provide GMP with a modernised facility to enable the appropriate management of detainees, ensuring GMP has capacity to safely manage current and projected future demand. The upgrades to the suite will provide an enhanced working environment for staff, promote detainee wellbeing, and provide an upgraded facility close to an area of high demand and to Manchester and Salford Court facilities- maximising efficiency for Police Officers and staff.						
To go to tender:						

Police custody suites are complex and highly specialised facilities, with a limited number of construction companies nationwide having relevant experience of delivering similar projects.

Due to the technical requirements and complexity of custody suites, the earlier a construction partner can be appointed and start to develop the scheme alongside the designers, GMP and other stakeholders, the more benefit and value can be added to the project, including de-risking the construction which will minimise the possibility of delay or cost overrun.

The North West Construction Hub (NWCH) Framework offers a fully compliant access route to providers with a proven track record and experience in delivering projects similar to the Longsight Custody Suite renovation.

Therefore the recommended decision is that approval is given to tender and subsequently award the contract for the provision of a specialised construction partner to undertake the Longsight Custody Suite upgrade using The North West Construction Hub (NWCH) Framework.

This decision will contribute to priorities of the the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:

The decision will contribute the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) shared commitment to deliver “resilient, safe and vibrant communities” by providing a modern, fit-for-purpose Police custody suite which will better enable GMP to manage detainees with dignity, and to maximise opportunities to enact diversionary activity to minimise re-offending.

Procurement comments:

The North West Construction Hub Framework offers a fully compliant access route to providers with a proven track record and experience in delivering projects similar to the Longsight Custody Suite renovation.

As this is a compliant route to market there is no risk of a legal challenge to the process.

Financial comments:

This decision requires the **commitment of the £7.5m** of capital expenditure for the full refurbishment project, to be drawn down in line with the estimates presented in the Full Business Case and set out in the table below.

The financial forecasting will continue to be monitored and updated following the outcome of the detailed design process.

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Legal comments:

To award:

The contract will be called-off from the North West Construction Hub Framework.

The terms and conditions will be those of the North West Construction Hub Framework, supplemented by the Force's standard terms and conditions.

These have been reviewed by the Force Contracts Solicitor and no issues have been identified.

Risk Assessment:

Potential financial risks are as follows:

- Procurement and lead times – in the current economic climate there are increasingly lengthy lead times which may impact the timeline – **early contractor involvement is promoted to mitigate / minimise these risks, particularly at the construction phase.**
- Increase in prices and availability of supplies – **currently the construction market is volatile following on from the pandemic and exacerbated by the Ukraine / Russian war and the global economy generally. This risk will be mitigated by the incorporation of an optimism bias into cost projections.**
- Any subsequent changes to plans may impact the delivery and costs; **the design requirements for custody are subject to revision in line with national guidance which could lead to requirement for changes during the construction phase**
- **the project is a refurbishment which leads to associated risks in terms of the suitability of the existing structure, or the plant and equipment the project may require – this risk is mitigated by the provision of surveys and early design decisions to allow clear understanding of required scope**
- Design and construction risks are often incurred on projects of this nature; to mitigate this risk the procurement strategy has been determined to appoint a contractor on a Design & Build basis thereby passing the risk of design and construction issues that arise directly to the contractor. Early engagement of the contractor to provide construction advice during the

pre-construction phase will identify most risks so that they can be design out or mitigation put into place.

- Finally, as a precaution for unforeseen risks, an element of contingency sums have been included as percentages of design and construction budgets.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The refurbishment plans incorporate a purpose-built and upgraded area within the Custody suite specifically designed for children/young adults to be accommodated in when detention into Police Custody is unavoidable.

Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:

Detailed design plans will factor in provision of appropriate facilities for the detention and management of vulnerable adults in custody.

Signed on behalf of GMP

Signed:..... 

Name: Ian Cosh – Assistant Chief Officer, Finance.....

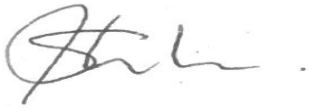
Date:.....21-Mar-2024.....

Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire

Signed.....

Date.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed

Date 26/03/2024

Agreed by Deputy Mayor
Only required for a Deputy Mayor Decision on amounts of £50,000+



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Date: ...26th March 2024.....

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