



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

LFC Number LFC-0642

Title: Extension of Cleaning Provision across the London Fire Brigade Estate

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This information is not for publication because:

Publication of the information included in this report is deferred as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) and the suppliers of the cleaning services.

Legal recommendation on the grounds of keeping the information confidential:

In the event the information contained in this Part 2 and/or its appendix is the subject of a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that such information constitutes exempt information under:

Section 43(2) of the Act on the basis that the information in this report includes information which is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

The basis for this is to wait until the final costs have been agreed and the funding is fully approved.

The recommended period for non-publication of Part 2 is six months.

Legal Adviser - I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time

Name:

Date:

Confidential decision and/or advice:

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The estimated cost of the continued requirement of enhanced cleaning is £37,800 per week. This is based on the current costs of £36,000 per week plus a five percent increase to cover inflation increases and the anticipated increase in London Living Wage from April 2022. This results in an overall spend of £1.97m for 52 weeks up to March 2023. An additional allowance of £100,000 is required to allow for further additional enhanced cleaning specifically following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in an identified work area. This results in an overall spend of £2.06m.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 The objective of this report and the request for funding for enhanced cleaning services is to provide a safe working environment for staff during the pandemic. This service supports the delivery of emergency services and is a key control measure in the Brigade's response to the pandemic. The enhanced cleaning aims to reduce the spread of Covid19 within Brigade premises and provide COVID SECURE working environments.

3. Financial comments

- 3.1 The report recommends that delegated authority is provided to increase the cleaning provision across the LFB operational estate, at an estimated cost of £37,800 per week for a period of up to 52 weeks to the end of March 2023. An additional allowance of £100,000 is also requested for additional enhanced cleaning specifically following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in an identified work area which results in total requested spend of £2.06m.
- 3.2 The current COVID reserve has a balance of £2.0m and, if approved, the additional cleaning costs will be met by this reserve. Any expenditure above this level will cause an additional in year pressure to the Brigades revenue budget and therefore should be monitored closely, however this would be unlikely due to allowances that are programmed in to the additional cleaning requirements

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1 None

Confidential Appendices and supporting papers: None