

## PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

**DMFD148**

**Title:** Estate-Wide Redecoration Programme

*Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.*

**This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:**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).

**Date** at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:  
31 December 2022.

**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).

**Public interest assessment**

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the LFC would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC's position and related commercial interest regarding the expenditure incurred on the procurement for London Fire Brigade's estate-wide redecoration programme

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of an FOI request for this information as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

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

**Name:** Justine Curry

**Date:** 25/2/22

*Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.*

**Confidential decision and/or advice:**

The London Fire Commissioner (LFC) seeks to commit revenue expenditure of £6,000,000 over six years

for redecoration works to the estate. The budget is £1,000,000 in each financial year but the overall estimate covers the entire life of the project.

### **Financial comments**

This report recommends that two contracts for decorations are agreed at a total revenue cost of up to £6,000,000 over the next six financial years, 2022-23 to 2027-28. This would include an initial four-year contract with the option for a two-year follow-on contract.

The existing annual budget for estate-wide redecoration is £1,049,254, and it is expected that this cost will be contained within this amount. Expenditure is continually monitored by LFC Property officers in liaison with Finance in order to keep within the annual budget for each financial year. The LFC's Budget submission to the Mayor included this funding within the budget for premises expenditure, which is reflected in the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget for 2022-23.

### **Appendix**

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