

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

Enhanced Cleaning Provision across the LFB Estate

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 Governance Team for advice.

This information is not for publication because: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 Two 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.

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Confidential decision and/or advice

Introduction and background

The cost for the six-monthly application of the new product across the estate (excluding PFI stations) is £329,000 per annum. The cost for PFI stations is £52,692 per annum. The total cost for the full estate per annum is therefore £381,692.

It should be noted that this is significantly lower than the annual cost of the daily sanitisation regime that was originally implemented which was £2.06m per annum.

Objectives and expected outcomes

The objective of this report and the request for funding for enhanced cleaning services is to provide a safe working environment for staff against viruses. This service supports the delivery of emergency services and is a key control measure in the Brigade's response to viruses and any future pandemics. The enhanced cleaning aims to reduce the spread of viruses within Brigade premises and provide safe working environments.

Financial comments

The costs contained within this part 2 of the report have been included as part of the budget process for 2023/24 with an agreement in principle agreeing to this investment. Therefore, under the assumption that this will form part of the final agreed budget in March 2023 this is a known budgeted pressure to the Property base budget.

Part 1 of this report sets out the background to commit revenue expenditure of £381,692 for enhanced cleaning across LFB's estate. The cost for the six-monthly application of the new product across the estate (excluding private finance initiative (PFI) stations) is £329,000 per annum. The cost for PFI stations is £52,692 per annum. The total cost for the full estate per annum is therefore £381,692. This cost was included as part of the budget process for 2023-24 and funding for that amount was included in the LFC's November 2022 Budget Submission to the Mayor from 2023-24 as an ongoing cost to the base budget. The £381,692 cost of this recommendation will therefore be contained within the Property Department Budget for 2023-24, once agreed as part of the LFC's final budget for 2023/24 in March 2023.

Legal comments

Legal comments are contained in the Part I report and the Legal Recommendations section above.

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

None