

Delegated Officer Report

Decision Maker:	Emma Barton – Director of Economy
Date of Decision:	September 2019
Subject:	Use of £91k Health and Safety budget at Foxdenton Hall & Pavilion and authorisation of delegated authority.
Report Author:	Sam Smith – Senior Finance Manager
Ward (s):	Cllr Colin McLaren - Chadderton Central

Reason for the decision:

In October 2015 'Chadderton Together' (a local community group) submitted a proposal to the Leaders of the Council to refurbish Foxdenton Hall & Pavilion (bringing them back into public use).

It was suggested that a feasibility grant of £30k was allocated by the Council to 'Chadderton Together' to enable them to undertake the required work, to:

1. Submit a bid to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) as an application for a capital grant to complete most of the required refurbishment works and
2. Draft an overarching business case for the scheme.

Following this, further discussions took place between Council Officers and members of the 'Chadderton Together Group', which concluded in March 2016. The result of which was a grant award of £30k for feasibility and £200k for capital works from Oldham Council to the Chadderton Together Community Group.

In addition to this, over the duration of the past 5 years, several underspent budgets relating to Foxdenton Hall were amalgamated to form a

budget of £91k which was assigned to the Councils Essential Healthy and Safety capital budget for H&S works at Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is:

1. To seek approval from the authorised delegated officer, to sanction the use of £91k in the capital programme for 'Foxdenton Hall – Essential Health & Safety' to complete electrical installation works at Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion.

Initial estimates have been received from Electricity Northwest (ENW) quoting a cost of £45,197.12 (Plus VAT) to install a new electrical supply to the Pavilion.

The £45k is a desktop quote and is subject to change once a full assessment of the site has been undertaken.

As the above quote only relates to the installation of a new electricity supply at Foxdenton Pavilion. It is proposed to allocate the full £91k 'Essential H&S budget' to the scheme to enable a new electricity supply to be extended to both Foxdenton Hall and the Pavilion. Both connections are required and will have greater value for money through economies of scale if completed at the same time.

2. To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise in consultation with the Director of Economy, the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Finance (or their nominees) and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services to procure, negotiate, re-negotiate award and execute a main contractor for the works, subject to these being within the £91k cost envelope.

To ascertain the true costs of installing a new electricity supply to both buildings, a revised quote will be required from Electricity Northwest (ENW). Should this quote come in higher than the £91k cost envelope then a further delegated will be required to determine the overall viability of the project.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option 1 – Do nothing

This is not considered a viable option, as without an electricity supply, neither Foxdenton Hall nor the Pavilion can be opened to the general public.

Option 2 – Allocate the required funds from the £200k capital budget for Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion.

This is not considered a viable option, as it is estimated that £100k of the budget is required to finish the refurbishment of the pavilion. The remaining £100k is required as match funding to support the application to HLF for capital funding relating to the full restoration of the Hall. If this budget is used to fund the electrical supply to both buildings, it is likely that the wider project will be unviable.

Option 3 – Allocate £91k from the 'Foxdenton Hall – Essential Health & Safety' capital budget to complete electrical installation works at Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion.

Authorise the Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise in consultation with the Director of Economy, the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Finance (or their nominees) and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services to procure, negotiate, re-negotiate, award and execute a main contractor for the works, subject to these being within the £91k cost envelope.

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted.

Cllr McLaren as Member for Chadderton Central and Director of Chadderton Together Ltd has been engaged with regarding progress of the HLF bid, pavilion works and the proposed electricity extension. Officers from Finance, Legal, District Partnerships and Property have also been consulted.

Recommendation(s):

The preferred option (option 3) is to approve the allocation of £91k from the Essential H&S budget and delegate authority for approval as detailed above.

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

The indicative quote of £45,197.12 (Plus VAT) is to install a new electrical supply to Foxdenton

Pavilion, A further quote is required to ascertain the cost of the full scheme to include Foxdenton Hall.

There is £91k in the capital programme for essential health and safety works at Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion, if approved this budget will be used to fund the above scheme.

If the new quote is higher than the proposed £91k health and safety allocation, the Council could use part of the £200k in the capital programme for the refurbishment of the hall and pavilion.

However, it should be noted, that any call on the £200k budget could have wider consequences on the overall viability of the project.

The £30k revenue contribution for the feasibility stage of the project has been fully utilised.

(Matthew Kearns – Senior Accountant)

*What are the **legal** implications?*

Legal Services is providing advice and support in connection with the renovation project for the Foxdenton Hall and Pavilion and will provide assistance as and when required to do so in order to deliver the electrical works to enable the completion of the refurbishment project at the Pavilion.

(Elizabeth Cunningham Doyle)

*What are the **procurement** implications?*

There are no procurement implications relating to the electricity works as these will need to be carried out by Electricity North West. The Council has agreed to make a grant to the Charity of one hundred thousand pounds (£100,000) towards the cost of the Works, and this would meet the criteria of being commissioned as a grant.

(Dan Cheetham)

*What are the **Human Resources** implications?*

There are no immediate HR issues

(Lauren Jones, HR Business Partner)

***Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment** attached or not required because (please give reason)*

No resident will be adversely affected by the works.

What are the **property** implications?

The premise requires an appropriate and safe electricity supply to be installed, if it is to be refurbished and put into operational use.

(Peter Wood)

Risks:

There are no specific risks associated with this proposal.

(Mark Stenson – Head of Corporate Governance)

Co-operative agenda

This firmly fits with in our co-operative ambitions about harnessing community assets for public use.

(Vicky Sugars)

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes


Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

There are no background papers for this report

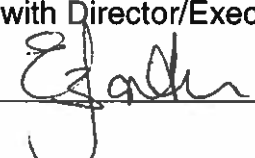
Report Author Sign-off:	
	S SMITH
Date:	21/10/2019

Please list and attach any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description

In consultation with Director/Executive Director

Signed :



Date: 21/10/19

