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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire

Decision Application WPC20159

Woodcote House – Phase I – improvement works

Application Date:	17/12/20	Name of Applicant:	Helen Minett Facilities and Health and Safety Manager
Application Decision Reference: WPC20159			
1. Summary of the application			
This application is for Phase I improvement works to Woodcote House, Leek Wootton.			
2. Background information:			
<p>Woodcote House is a public facing, flagship building forming part of the Head Quarters of Warwickshire Police. Woodcote House is a grade II listed building. Warwickshire Police have a duty of care to preserve this historical asset in a sensitive manner whilst still being able to use it to support operational policing for the county. Woodcote House now provides training facilities for all Officers (including all new recruits) and staff serving the people of Warwickshire including all Special Constables and volunteers. The ability to provide training facilities within the Warwickshire Police estates reduces the requirements and costs of using external venues. The works have been discussed with the Conservation Officer. They include the use of the appropriate materials to allow the walls to breathe naturally and therefore preserve the fabric of the building.</p> <p>The works include the redecoration and replacement of flooring in the following areas:</p> <p>Ground Floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Conference Room• Training Rooms• Link corridor to the 60's Block <p>1st Floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training / Meeting Rooms• Main corridor• Link corridor to the 60's Block			

3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application

YES / NO

List of additional information/report

a) Recommendation of tender

4. Expected benefits (non financial)

Warwickshire Police will fulfil its duties to preserve the historical asset.

Improved facilities for the training of Police Officers and Police Staff in Warwickshire.

5. Impact of not approving the application

Warwickshire Police have a duty to preserve this historical asset. If works are not completed, the Force will be failing to fulfil this duty and the building fabric will deteriorate.

The training facilities will not be suitable for the purpose resulting in the use of external venues.

6. Costs

Revenue: There are no revenue costs.

Capital: The costs for capital works are £79,041.53. The costs are within the capital budget for Woodcote House improvements.

7. Savings:

Reduction in costs of the use of external venues by use of the existing estate.

Woodcote House, with its mixture of sized rooms, lends itself to a Training / Meeting venue rather than as a modern office building. These costs are significantly lower than an alternative proposal to reinstate the old Training School.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications:

None identified.

9. Treasurer's comments

The costs of the work are outlined in this decision notice, and can be financed from within the already approved capital programme for estates improvement works. On this basis, and given that it will provide a much improved training facility, fulfils our duty to maintain a listed building and will also enable the force to avoid any

ongoing significant external training costs, it is recommended that the investment provides value for money and should be undertaken.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

This Decision will enable the force to offer professional and improved training facilities for its workforce and avoid the additional costs of external training. The works proposed will help to improve the fabric of the grade 2 listed building and preserve it as an historical asset.

It is also enables the full use of Woodcote House and the costs will be very much lower than establishing a training facility elsewhere in the force estate or utilising external training provision and as such it represents the best option from a value for money perspective.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Approved.

PCC Signature:

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Date of Decision: 5th January 2021