

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No 14

meeting date: 7 NOVEMBER 2017  
title: REFERENCE FROM HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES AT THE JOINERS ARMS, 90 WHALLEY ROAD, CLITHEROE  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
principal author: LAWSON ODDIE

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a reference from Health and Housing Committee with regard to a request for a supplementary estimate of £14,500 for fire protection and extractor fan works at 90 Whalley Road, Clitheroe.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Service committees manage their services within the budgets agreed at the beginning of the financial year. The budget was approved by Special Policy and Finance Committee on 7 February 2017 and by Full Council on 28 February 2017.
- 2.2 Any revenue or capital expenditure over and above what has already been approved must be agreed by this Committee.

### 3 INCREASED REVENUE COSTS

- 3.1 Following the sad events at Grenfell Tower, and as this is the first year where the Council has taken back management of 90 Whalley Road (consisting of 7 flats), a fire risk assessment was undertaken on 27 June 2017.
- 3.2 In addition to this work, it was identified that extractor fans are required in 5 of the flats to ensure the newly installed fire detection systems can work efficiently.
- 3.3 The estimated total value of the works is £14,500 and it was suggested at committee that this cost be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance earmarked reserve or the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant.

### 4 HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE 19 OCTOBER 2017

- 4.1 Health and Housing Committee considered a report on the fire protection measures at the Joiners Arms and a copy of the report is attached at Annex 1.
- 4.2 At its meeting, Health and Housing Committee resolved that committee:
- *recommend to Policy and Finance Committee approval of a supplementary estimate of £14,500 for the fire protection and extractor fan works at 90 Whalley Road, Clitheroe - the additional budget to be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance earmarked reserve or the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant.*

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Consider the request for the supplementary estimate of £14,500 with the full amount to be financed from the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No. 6

meeting date: THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017  
 title: FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES AT THE JOINERS ARMS, 90 WHALLEY ROAD, CLITHEROE  
 submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 principal author: RACHAEL STOTT – HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request approval to fund fire protection measures and extractor fan works at the Council's temporary accommodation, 90 Whalley Road, Clitheroe, from the repairs and maintenance earmarked reserve.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – Ensure Council owned accommodation meets all current fire protection guidance.
  - Corporate Priorities - To address housing needs across the borough.
  - Other Considerations – None.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 following the sad events at Grenfell Tower and as this is the first year where the Council has taken back management of 90 Whalley Road (consisting of 7 flats), a fire risk assessment was undertaken on 27 June 2017. A copy of the full risk assessment is available on request from the surveyor's team.
- 2.2 In addition to this work, it was identified that extractor fans are required in 5 of the flats to ensure the newly installed fire detection system can work efficiently.

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Following the risk assessment the surveying team identified the fire protection works that were required. These works were started immediately to reduce any fire safety risks in the building, following approval of an initial virement to facilitate this. The majority of this work is completed.
- 3.2 The total value of the works required is estimated to be £14,500 and it is proposed to finance this through the use of the Repairs and Maintenance earmarked reserve (£30,000 as at 31 March 2017).
- 3.3 Approval of this additional £14,500 budget would be subject to approval by Policy and Finance Committee, if recommended by this Committee.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
- Resources – The proposal is for work to be fully funded from the Repairs and Maintenance earmarked reserve which is set aside for such purposes.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – A fire safety assessment has been undertaken and identified the fire safety risks and the necessary compliance work has been addressed ensuring the building meets all fire protection regulations.
- Political – Essential that any fire safety risks within the temporary accommodation are addressed as soon as possible.
- Reputation – All temporary accommodation should meet all fire safety standards.
- Equality & Diversity – None identified.

## 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Recommend to Policy and Finance Committee approval of a supplementary estimate of £14,500 for the fire protection and extractor fan works at 90 Whalley Road, Clitheroe - the additional budget to be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance earmarked reserve.

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