

<h1>Fire &amp; Rescue Scrutiny Committee</h1>		 
<h2>4. Partnership working with Police</h2>		
<b>Meeting Date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00am	<b>Type of Report</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	CFO Mark Preece; ACFO Gavin Roberts & James Grierson	Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Purpose of report and intended outcomes</b>	Categorise the nature of the business by ticking the appropriate box/boxes) Strategic Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Council Wide or Service "Big" Issue <input type="checkbox"/> GCC Preview <input type="checkbox"/> Tactical issue <input type="checkbox"/> Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio Management <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The purpose of this report is to summarise the findings of a feasibility survey undertaken across 6 fire stations that have potential blue light co-location (Stroud, Dursley, Stow, Cirencester, Newent and Winchcombe).</p> <p>This report highlights the most appropriate stations based upon space available, driven by operational desire and legislative requirement to collaborate and inform any recommendations to the Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Director of Corporate Resources (GCC) Chief Constable and PCC of Gloucestershire, for consideration.</p> <p>At this stage the report does not consider the operational or joint working service delivery opportunities which could be realised from co-location (these are not in scope). The next phase of work will determine the operational requirements of Police, ensuring Senior Leadership Team, Fire Scrutiny and Property Board approve an outcomes.</p>	

<b>Resource</b>	<p>Police: Vicki Heselton, Head of Estates and Support Services</p> <p>GCC/Fire: James Grierson, Head of Logistics and Resources</p>
<b>Consultees</b>	<p>One Gloucestershire Board &amp; Group CFO's and SLT members Police Operational Blue Light Collaboration Board</p>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared skills and operational interface</li> <li>• Operational collaborative working</li> <li>• Potential income for GCC</li> <li>• Potential revenue savings (Police &amp; Fire)</li> <li>• Delivers the duty to Collaborate Legislation</li> </ul>
<b>Context</b>	<p>Six Community fire stations have been considered as opportunities for collaborative working. They were Dursley, Stroud, Stow, Cirencester, Newent and Winchcombe. Below are a summary of the key findings at each station. A full assessments can be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dursley: This station was considered by Police to be a viable option. The station is within a very short distance of the existing Police station that offers community engagement, parking facilities and a varying degree of office accommodation and conversion options without compromising the fire stations identity and operational areas. This station is occupied by Ambulance and has the potential to become the first Blue-Light operational station in the County</li> <li>• Stroud: Whilst a large station, this offers limited space for Police. Stroud is currently used as the Counties Stand-by Emergency Control. The station is not front facing for passing footfall and community engagement.</li> <li>• Stow: This station was not considered viable as there are no space available for office accommodation which could meaningfully be converted to accommodate the Police. Access and egress were considered unsatisfactory.</li> <li>• Cirencester: This station has a large area on the first floor and offered suitable parking requirements it was considered insufficient accommodation to house Police staff located at the main Cirencester central site which offers a front facing site for the community.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newent: This site is considered to be a significant improvement for Police as they currently occupy a Police point in the Library. There are various opportunities for office accommodation, parking, ease of access/egress and a visible presence. The area identified was occupied by the Ambulance Service and currently used to accommodate a MOGG. There would be no impact on the operational areas. Benefits would be an increased presence following a break-in in 2021.</li><li>• Winchcombe: Feasibility to be completed 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li></ul>
<b>Core Brief Statement Report</b>	<p>The Purpose of this report is to summarise the key findings from the feasibility/suitability surveys undertaken to assess the collaborative, co-location working opportunities between Fire and Police Blue Light Services. The report assessed the potential viability of co-location with Police at Dursley, Stroud, Cirencester, Stow, Newent and Winchcombe, sought to identify which stations could be progressed. Each survey considered very simple high level user requirements and space availability based on current known information. Based on that high level information gathered this report considers the most viable options, were there to be a developed case for usage are Newent and Dursley Community Fire and Rescue Stations. Winchcombe may also be in scope based on a recent feasibility survey with Police.</p> <p>The following are key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be no enabling costs to GCC/Fire, these will be covered by the Police</li><li>• The shared space will have no impact to how fire currently operate out of a station</li><li>• Partnership working will not change the identity of a fire station</li></ul> <p>The full summary of the suitability surveys can be provided upon request.</p>