

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

23 APRIL 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Estate Management Programme

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

The following report seeks to provide an overview to the Board on the capital and management projects programme.

Capital Programme

Headquarters - Reception and Access Control

Service requirements have been defined for this project and layout plans finalised. The project is due to be tendered in April with works expected to start on site in August/September 2008.

Grantown-on-Spey - Refurbishment and Extension

The works are now complete and staff have relocated back into the newly refurbished station. The official opening of this facility will be held on 1 May 2008.

Lairg Police Station - Extension and Upgrading

Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions there has been a considerable delay on progress with the Lairg project. However, it is hoped that the programme can be re-aligned to minimise the delay incurred to a two month extension.

Nairn Police Station - New Police Station Development

Following a feasibility study on the most suitable location for the Nairn Station, it was identified that the preferred and most prominent location of a new station facility would be the existing site.

Plans are currently being formalised on the requirements for the new facility and it is hoped that, following consultation within Force, the outline project costs will be reported to the Capital Project Monitoring Group and, following their approval, work can commence on the tender process.

Following the suitable identification of the location for the temporary station facility at Nairn, it is hoped that works will commence on the new Police Station development in October/November 2008.

Rhiconich Police Station - New Station and House

The Contractor commenced on-site on 17 March 2008 and works are progressing well.

Stornoway Police Station -- Extension and Upgrading

Revision of the accommodation plans are currently underway and the Estate Office is working closely with the Area Command to finalise these. Outline budget costings are being prepared and it is anticipated that the tender process will be carried out in the later part of this year with works commencing on site in January 2009.

Whalsay Police Station - New Police Station

Although this project incurred a six week delay, the Contractor worked hard to achieve the completion date and in doing so the project should complete on time and within budget by 30 April 2008.

Burnett Road Custody Suite – Extension

The project went out to tender on 28 March 2008, with tenders to be returned on 27 April.

Management Projects

Housing Stock Transfer

The project is slowly progressing and is currently awaiting valuable input and guidance from the Board's Legal and Procurement Advisers. It is anticipated that a detailed report will be provided to the NJPB in August, with the Stock Transfer commencing later in this financial year following the Board's approval.

Force Information Management Unit

Following the Force Review's recommendation to appoint a new internal department structure to bring together key departments working in parallel, a space study of the HQ building is currently being carried out to identify opportunities within the existing building structure to co-locate these departments.

Additionally, the space utilisation report seeks to identify opportunities for space optimisation within the existing footprint and will take into consideration Stores, Fleet and HQ satellite offices.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Members note the progress to date on approved projects.
2. The Board approve the formalisation of a sub-committee to approve the Burnett Road Custody Suite Tender.

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Chief Constable
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