

# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



<b>MEETING</b>	Fire Authority
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	12 February 2020
<b>OFFICER</b>	Mark Hemming, Director of Finance and Assets
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor David Hopkins
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>FIRE AID</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>FIRE AID is a UK-registered charity which brings together members to provide ethical and sustainable donations of fire and rescue equipment and training to over 50 countries worldwide.</p> <p>It achieves this by providing a unique database for sharing donated fire and rescue equipment and by encouraging and facilitating members to share expertise, best practice, funding and equipment to form joint projects and partnerships.</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to recommend that the Authority supports the objectives of FIRE AID; and amends its Contract Standing Orders to enable the Authority to provide donations of end-of-life appliances and equipment with a net book value of £10k or less to FIRE AID to help with the furtherance of their charitable objectives.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FIREAID be approved as a potential donee of end-of-life appliances and equipment.</li> <li>2. the following amendments to Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, paragraph 21, be approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The deletion of the text at subparagraph 21.3: <p>“21.3 Disposal must be either by public auction or by obtaining three quotes from suitable contractors”</p> <p>And the substitution of the following text:</p> <p>“21.3 Except in circumstances in which the Chief Finance Officer is authorising disposal in accordance with 21.2 in which case donation to a charity approved by the Authority may be considered, disposal must be either by public auction or by obtaining three quotes from suitable contractors”</p> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>b) The deletion of the text at subparagraph 21.4:</p> <p>“The Officer responsible for the disposal must ensure that the Authority is receiving value for money; that the contractor used is reputable; and that the necessary anti-money laundering checks are in place by reference to the Chief Finance Officer.”</p> <p>And the substitution of the following text:</p> <p>“21.4 The Officer responsible for the disposal must ensure that the Authority is receiving value for money, <u>except in circumstances in which the Chief Finance Officer is authorising disposal in accordance with 21.2</u> ; that the contractor used is reputable; and that the necessary anti-money laundering checks are in place by reference to the Chief Finance Officer”</p>
<p><b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p>Whenever FIRE AID takes delivery of redundant equipment, it will re-deploy it in accordance with the FIRE AID Ethical Donation and Anti-Bribery &amp; Corruption Policies, and to use it, or if necessary, dispose of it in accordance with FIRE AID’s Environmental Policy</p> <p>Copies of the Ethical Donation Policy and Anti Bribery Policy and included in Appendices A and B respectively.</p> <p>In all cases, it will be the responsibility of FIRE AID’s nominated member/organisation who will be receiving any vehicles to ensure that they are roadworthy, properly licensed, insured and where required, tested before any use on the road, either in UK or overseas. It is also the responsibility of the nominated receiving FIRE AID member/organisation to ensure that any volunteer who drives such a vehicle is fully and properly licensed to do so.</p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b></p>	<p>If end-of-life appliances were to be sold, any capital receipt generated would be re-invested in the future capital programme. However, the market for second-hand fire appliances appears to be becoming increasingly limited, and appliances are taking longer to sell and generating lower capital receipts.</p> <p>If appliances were instead donated, this would be an opportunity cost. The capital receipt forgone needs to be weighed against the cost of storage.</p> <p>Appliances with a net book value of more than £10,000 will not be considered for donation.</p>
<p><b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b></p>	<p>The power to amend the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts is reserved to a meeting of the Authority.</p> <p>Under well-established principles the Authority owes a ‘fiduciary duty’ to council taxpayers to take their interests into account when disposing of its assets.</p>

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<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	No direct impact.
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	No direct impact.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	No direct impact.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	See Financial Implications.
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Standing Orders Relating to Contracts: <a href="https://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/files/6015/0894/3533/Contract_Standing_Orders_-_October_2017.pdf">https://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/files/6015/0894/3533/Contract_Standing_Orders_-_October_2017.pdf</a>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Annex A – FIRE AID Ethical Donation Policy Statement Annex B – Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport (EASST) Anti Bribery and Corruption Policy
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	10 minutes
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