

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members  
of the Strategic Procurement and Major Projects Panel  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Executive & Presenting Officer: Mrs Ann Hall, Assistant Chief Officer  
(Finance & Commissioning)**

**Status: For Information**

**Update of the Hartlepool HQ Refurbishment – FINAL**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report is to update Members on the Hartlepool Project.  
The project covered two areas:
- (a) A full refurbishment of the Custody Suite
  - (b) The replacement of all Plant and Services throughout the building

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members note that all works are complete and that they have been carried out to a very high standard.
- 2.2 For Members to note that the Project was delivered on time and within budget.

**3 Reasons**

- 3.1 The Hartlepool Project and necessary funding was approved by Members of the Policy and Resources Panel 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The successful contractor was approved by the Police Authority Executive 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

## **4 Implications**

### **4.1 Finance**

Project costs of £4.802m were approved by Members as shown at 3.1 above. Whilst there have been changes, the project has been delivered on time and within budget.

### **4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities**

All diversity issues have been kept under constant review. The Lift and the front entrance doors to the building have been replaced and are now DDA compliant. Toilet, washroom and shower facilities have all been replaced with improved DDA access. There are no issues arising from this report to bring to Members attention.

### **4.3 Sustainability**

The works undertaken will provide accommodation for the next 20years+ for operational policing at Hartlepool. The custody suite now meets Home Office standards with the exception of minor derogations, as a result of the existing building structure. These do no impact on either the operational delivery or safety aspects of staff or members of the public.

### **4.4 Risk**

Full risk assessments were undertaken at the start of the project. These continued to be reviewed and are now concluded.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 This project was conceived following the publishing of the Commissioning Departments Estate Strategy. The role of this Strategy is to enable the Force's Estate to make a direct and positive contribution to meeting the Chief Constables Operational Vision of Putting People First.

5.2 The investment for this project has contributed to major improvements which have enhanced the lifespan of the building and the working environment.

5.3 The building remained operational throughout (with the exception of custody) and the contractors, operational and administrative staff all contributed to making the project successful. A celebratory reception was held 5<sup>th</sup> June with some 30+ guests attending to view the building including the custody suite. There was excellent response to the work undertaken and feedback from officers & staff continues to remain very positive. This project has delivered on time and within budget and has proven to be a very rewarding experience for all concerned.

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This paper has been prepared on behalf of the Chief Constable by Jean Hodgkinson in consultation with Facilities and Commissioning management.