

APPENDIX 4

Replacement of Boilers: Bramcote leisure centre

The chief executive's urgency powers were required to approve the replacement of two out of four boilers (all over 25 years old) with three new boilers at Bramcote leisure centre. The cost of replacing the new boilers is £34,250.00 and with some minor associated works the total bill is estimated to be under £40,000. £39,000 of budget was available as underspend from the recently completed combined heat and power replacement. Normally one would expect a full procurement exercise to be undertaken. However, in these circumstances this would have introduced a four week delay and the alternative would have been to close the leisure centre for period of time. A previous (recent tendering exercise demonstrated that the quote for the works was value for money. The proposed contractor has indicated that there is a 4-week lead-in period on the flue and that installation should be achievable by late October.

Expenditure on Plans for Durban House

The chief executive's urgency powers were used to enable officers to respond within a tight deadline to a call from the local enterprise partnership for pipeline projects for funding by the D2N2 LEP. Plans were procured through the council's local procurement framework from architects Faithful Gould to turn Durban house (currently unoccupied) into business units, in a similar fashion to the manner in which such units have been created successfully in Beeston Town centre, (now fully let), and funding successfully gained from the LEP to undertake a similar project in Stapleford. The cost of the work amounted to £5,000 for which there was no specific budget. Further details of the scheme will be presented to the Finance and Resources Committee at its next meeting as if the scheme progresses the council will need to provide matched funding towards the cost of the work.

Local Government Reorganisation

Nottinghamshire County Council has made moves to submit a request to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government that local government reorganisation should take place in Nottinghamshire and that their preferred option is a unitary authority for the whole of the county area. All district council leaders in Nottinghamshire signed a letter to the Secretary of State objecting to the proposal and stating that if reorganisation is to be pursued, other options should at least be considered and that district councils should be engaged in the process. All district councils agreed to contribute £30,000 towards the costs of work required to develop options for consideration and should the Secretary of State invite a submission, to put forward proposals to the Secretary of State. This may be required to be done urgently, so the commitment to the spending of the resources was made using the Chief Executive's urgency powers. Please refer to the separate report on this matter.