

Asset Stewardship Report 2008

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report advises the Strategy and Resources Committee of the current condition of assets owned by the Authority and changes which have occurred in the financial year 2007/08. This is a summary of information previously provided in the form of budget working papers, capital appraisals and capital budget reports, together with additional information.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the current asset position.

3 Property

There have been no purchases or sales of land of property.

Property needs are clearly defined within an asset management plan for property and a capital investment and revenue maintenance programme has been established in support of this plan.

The Integrated Risk Management Planning process has not identified that any sites are redundant.

There has been a further capital investment of £265,000 in property which has enabled the completion of refurbishment at Prees and the extension and refurbishment of Craven Arms.

The capital investment has resulted in property being altered to meet our needs; however it does not normally affect the value of the buildings in the Authorities asset register. Due to the extensions at Prees and Craven Arms these are being revalued.

Maintenance expenditure continues at the agreed level of *'safe, legally compliant and no further deterioration'*. At this level there is no backlog of maintenance for these assets and the general condition continues to improve as a result of the capital investment. Refurbished stations are being maintained at this improved level.

The Shrewsbury site is in poor condition, but capital investment has been made to ensure it meets our needs until 2012.

A summary of our property assets, including Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, surplus land and other uses is attached at the appendix.

4 Operational Vehicles

3 replacement appliances originally due for delivery in the financial year 2007/08 were delivered in April and September 2007. They are expected to be in use by October subject to stowage, radio installation and driver familiarisation. The leases on older appliances have been extended to cover this period.

A new Rescue Tender was delivered in November 2007.

4 replacement appliances were due for delivery in the financial year 2008/09. 1 is expected in January 2009, with a further 3 due in May 2009. 2 appliances due for delivery in the financial year 2009/10 have been ordered and delivery is expected in July 2009.

These vehicles are maintained in accordance with Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) best practice guidance and there is no backlog of maintenance for these assets.

5 Non-Operational Vehicles

There has been no change in the fleet of non-operational vehicles.

6 Other Assets

There have been no significant changes in our other assets.

There is no backlog of maintenance for these assets.

7 Financial Implications

This report covers the value of the Authority's assets which are reported in its asset register and its accounts.

8 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

This report is purely an update on Authority's assets and so the recommendations within the report have no impact on people. Therefore an Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report.

10 Appendix

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Property Assets

11 Background Papers

Property Repair and Maintenance – Finance and Performance Management Committee 21 November 2000

Capital Budgets 2008/9 and Projections for Later Years – CFA December 2007.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	*
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
 Property Assets**

Location	Cost (£K)	Suitability for purpose		DDA Compliant	Training Facilities	Surplus Assets	Other Uses
Albrighton	21	Yet to be refurbished. Generally good condition but does not have adequate office facilities, showers or disabled access	☹	Part	Tower	None	
Baschurch	14	Yet to be refurbished. Does not have adequate office facilities, showers or disabled access	☹	Part	Tower	None	
Bishops Castle	13	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	Some grassed land which could be made available, but is subject to restrictions including Tree Preservation Orders.	

Location	Cost (£K)	Suitability for purpose	DDA Compliant	Training Facilities	Surplus Assets	Other Uses	
Bridgnorth	18	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	Regularly used by youth offending teams and community safety partnerships.
Church Stretton	17	Refurbished and meets most needs, but additional office and storage accommodation to be provided.	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	
Cleobury Mortimer	16	Highest priority for refurbishment and planned for 2008-9. Does not have adequate office facilities, showers or disabled access	☹	No	Tower	Site is larger than required, but when assessed in 2007 cost of works to release exceeded value	
Clun	10	Refurbished and meets most needs, but additional training, office and storage accommodation to be provided.	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	

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Craven Arms	20	Refurbished and extended in 2008 to provide accommodation for a specialist pumping unit.	☺	Full	None. Planning Permission obtained for replacement	Site was considered larger than required, but when assessed in 2007 cost of works to release exceeded value. Space has now been used to improve training facilities.	
Ellesmere	12	Refurbished and meets most needs, but additional office and storage accommodation to be provided.	☺	Full	Tower	None	Has been used by Market Towns Initiative manager, but not currently used.
Hodnet	14	Yet to be refurbished. Does not have adequate office facilities, showers or disabled access	☹	Part	Tower	None	Regularly used by youth offending teams.
Ludlow	28	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	BA building, RTC compound	None	We are in discussion with West Midlands Ambulance Service about joint use of this site.

Location	Cost (£K)	Suitability for purpose	DDA Compliant	Training Facilities	Surplus Assets	Other Uses	
Market Drayton	18	Fully refurbished and meets needs	😊	Full	Tower	None	Jointly occupied by West Midlands Ambulance Service for a fee of £8500pa.
Minsterley	12	Yet to be refurbished. Does not have adequate office facilities, showers or disabled access	😊	Part	Tower	Some extra land which could be made available, but is subject to restrictions including difficult access and relocation of training facilities	
Much Wenlock	11	Refurbished and meets most needs, but additional training, office and storage accommodation to be provided.	😊	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	Local Broadplace centre providing community internet access.
Newport	19	Fully refurbished and meets needs	😊	Full	Tower	None	
Oswestry	28	Fully refurbished and meets needs	😊	Full	BA building	None	Used for community activities, including whist drives etc.
Prees	23	Fully refurbished and meets needs	😊	Full	BA building	None	

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Wem	10	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	
Whitchurch	15	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	None (tower not in use) Planning Permission obtained for replacement	None	
Shrewsbury	89	All areas of inadequate standard. Will be completely refurbished 2010-11.	☹	No	BA building	Release of land is included in refurbishment proposal	
Telford	27		☹	Part	BA building, Tower, RTC compound. Real Fire facilities on site	None	
Tweedale	44	Fully refurbished and meets needs	☺	Full	Tower	None	

Location	Cost (£K)	Suitability for purpose		DDA Compliant	Training Facilities	Surplus Assets	Other Uses
Wellington	51	Meets basic needs but is very poor standard. Options for redevelopment are being considered jointly with neighbouring organisations.	☹	No	Tower	None	

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Workshops	18	All areas of inadequate standard. Will be relocated 2009-10.	☹	No		Release of land is included in refurbishment proposal
Headquarters	72	All areas of inadequate standard. Will be completely refurbished 2010-11.	☹	Part		Release of land is included in refurbishment proposal
Training Centre	27		☺	Part	BA building, Tower, RTC compound. Real Fire facilities on site	None