Estate Design

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1. Purpose

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is committed to ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have an efficient and effective fire and rescue service which makes life safer for everyone.

This is HIWFRA's Position Statement for Estate Design and forms part of the HIWFRA's Asset Management Policy.

2. Authority's Position

The Authority's Estate Design aim to establish a consistent approach to the design of fire stations and other buildings where appropriate.

This will enable economies of scale in the design and build process, whilst also maintaining a common thread of design features that make the buildings cost-effective to maintain and run.

This approach will ensure economies of scale can be realised through a consist approach to design, procurement, maintenance and build of fire stations and other buildings where appropriate, while enabling local requirements to be built into buildings.

We will ensure our buildings support core Service functionality.

To provide the facilities required to support our service delivery and continue to make life safer. This includes:

- Flexible and drop-in offices to support collaborative working.
- Dedicated gym areas and specialist training facilities strategically located around the county.

We will ensure our buildings enable partnership working and income generation.

To make the most of our estate, providing spaces to enable collaborative working and deliver income to support our future financial position. This includes:

- Space to accommodate partners with office and drop-in space.

We will ensure our buildings provide a healthy and inclusive workplace.

To provide a safe and welcoming environment for all our employees and visitors. This includes:

- Zone buildings to manage the risk of fireground contamination.
- Adopt an approach of individual spaces for rest areas, toilets and showers.

We will ensure our buildings are physically secure by design.

To provide buildings which are secure and resilient to potential threats, while meeting our responsibility as a critical national infrastructure organisation. This includes:

- Zone buildings for controlled access, specific to use and user.

We will ensure our buildings are simple, robust and sustainable.

To use materials and technologies which offer longevity, are cost-effective, fit for purpose and energy efficient. This includes:

- Design with energy efficiency and on-going maintenance in mind.
- Technologies embedded within the building (electric vehicles (EV) charging).
- Embedded fire safety (installation of sprinklers, consistent with HIWFRA's Position Statement for Sprinklers).