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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>
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## **Progress on the New Custody Suite Project**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To report on the progress of the construction of a new 50 cell custody suite on the New Basford Industrial Estate, Nottingham.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel note the contents of this update report.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To inform members of the Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel of force activity and progress.

### **4. Summary of Key Points (this should include background information and options appraisal if applicable)**

- 4.1 The intention is to build a 50 cell custody suite, associated facilities, car parking, soft landscaping and security measures on the brownfield site off Radford Road which will be accessed via the service road to the rear of Selco Builders' Warehouse. In addition to the custody suite the building will house a team of custody based investigators, case builders and an administration team. These will be based on the first floor of the suite. There will be sufficient parking to ensure that there is no impact on local parking amenities. The custody suite will be located in the middle of New Basford Industrial Estate. To the north of it is a derelict brown site and gas works facility before the bypass. To the west, a railway line before allotments, the River Leen and a factory on the other side of which is the Wilkinson Street Tram Terminus. To the south there are industrial

and commercial units until you reach Wilkinson Street and Radford Road Police Station. To the east is Selco Builder's Warehouse and Storage Yard and two derelict gas holders.

The project is now in the final design stages with minor details to be agreed. A planning application was submitted in early July 2019 and was initially due to be concluded by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, although no comments or objections were submitted to the planners during the consultation period, some local concerns from a neighbouring ward have led to the application being referred to the planning committee sitting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

The build elements of the project are out to tender. The major elements have been submitted through the Blue Light Portal. All tenders are "open book" and the invitations to tender and the returned tenders are all being scrutinised by our consultants.

Work has commenced on site to improve the groundwater quality in line with the requirements of the Environmental Agency. The contractor will shortly be entering the monitoring phase of the process.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 The business case for the project was approved in November 2017, copy of decision form (2018.084) attached. The project is within budget and progressing on programme.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 The custody suite will require the relocation of the staff and officers based at the current Bridewell Custody Suite. Staff consultation has been extensive with the Police Federation and unions fully involved throughout the process.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 Throughout the project staff and stakeholders have been engaged with to ensure that the suite is inclusive and accessible. Significant work has been done with Nottingham University around Autistic Individuals in custody to inform the building design and to produce training packages (including a video) and toolkits for staff. These will be launched in early 2020. This work has been

recognised at a national level with Dr Chloe Holloway, who was runner up for an ESRC Impact Award for outstanding early career impact and her receiving the “Future Impact” award at the same event. This input will assist not only those experiencing neurodiversity but all custody users. Research has also been carried out with Nottingham Trent University into the wellbeing of custody staff wellbeing with a number of issues being identified which will be addressed in the new build. The Nottinghamshire Disability Advisory Group has also provided valuable assistance that will be fed into the design as have representatives from the LGBT community.

A full equality impact statement will be prepared during the final stages of the project.

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 A rigorous Risk Register is being maintained between the Contractor, Consultants and Nottinghamshire Police.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 The new suite will increase the presence and visibility of uniformed officers in the north west of the city. A purpose built custody suite will be designed with efficiency in mind to ensure that officers are able to return to public facing duties more quickly than previously possible. The suite is better located than the Bridewell as well as being more accessible. Where the optimal site (Ilkeston Road) is within 15 minutes travel time of 52% of immediate/urgent responses in the city, the Old Basford Industrial Estate site is within 48.7% against the Bridewell’s 41.6%. Relocating to this site would improve performance by reducing travel times and the location scores 88.8/100 against the optimum site and better than the 79.9/100 scored by the Bridewell (2016 data). In addition, officers based at Radford, including Neighbourhood Teams, Response, CID and specialist departments will be just a 500m walk away from the suite reducing their travel times, when previously they would have travelled into the city centre, and thus keeping them on their area even when dealing with detainees. The close proximity of a main police station is one of the main contributors in ensuring that more police time is spent on service delivery and

less on travelling between Base Stations and the Custody Suite. This can only improve service delivery and make Nottinghamshire safer.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

10.1 Not Applicable

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

11.1 Once the site had been purchased and a planning application had been prepared, the MP's for Nottingham North and East were sent details of the proposal. Mr Leslie visited Radford Road Police Station and the site as a result. The local councillors for Berridge were also contacted at the same time and regular contact has been maintained with Councillor Quddoos. During the planning consultation stage the City Planners carried out a publicity/consultation process in excess of the minimum legal requirements. They sent out notifications to 42 neighbouring addresses on 8 July, including residential properties on Radford Road. A site notice was displayed on that date and a notice in the Nottingham Post on 10 July. The three current Berridge Ward Councillors were consulted by email on 5 July 2019.

The formal planning consultation period officially ended on 1 August 2019. The planning department received no comments or objections directly during the consultation period, but concerns from a neighbouring ward were put forward, following a resident's meeting held on 7 August 2019.

These concerns, along with any others that are received, will be considered when formulating the planners' recommendation to the planning committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

A report addressing the public concerns raised in response to various articles in the Nottingham Post has been submitted by Nottinghamshire Police. This will be submitted to the committee.

Meetings are on-going with local residents by representatives from Nottinghamshire Police and the Contractor.

Officers and staff are positive about the project and are being engaged with throughout the project.

## **12. Appendices**

- 12.1 Appendix 1 - Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision Form Reference 2018.084.

## **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)**

13. Not Applicable

NB See guidance on public access to meetings and information about meetings for guidance on non-public information and confidential information.

**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**Notice of Decision**



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**TITLE: New Detention and Justice Centre/50 Cell Custody Suite**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The accompanying business case seeks approval for the construction of a new 50 Cell Custody Suite, associated facilities on the site at the Old Gasworks on Radford Road (purchased after approval following the Options Appraisal November 2017) and remedial works as necessary and the allocation of the budget for the project in its entirety, as per the costings outlined in the business case.

**INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g. report or business case)**

On the basis of Commercial Sensitivity, the business case is exempt from publication. The business case and recommendations were approved by the Force Executive Board on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (please include if it is capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

There is currently a provision of capital funds for the construction of the new custody suite based on a late 2016 business case for a 40 cell suite (£17,109,900.00). The revised budget (£17,825,000.00) takes into account the provision of 50 cells, remedial works to the site and the impact of inflation during the interim years since the case was first made for a new suite.

Signature: *C.R.*  
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Date: *7<sup>th</sup> November 2018.*

