

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL
RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO
HOLDER**

TITLE: Capital Funding

DECISION MADE BY: Director - David Bartram

IN CONSULTATION WITH Councillor David Harvey

DECISION:

To allocate £15,000 of capital funding as an urgent measure to comply with Environment Agency requirements to commence introduction of fire prevention measures at the MRF. There initial measures are CCTV cameras and an intruder alarm to reduce the risk of arson.

REASON FOR DECISION

This is an initial measure necessary to comply with the Environment Agency’s requirements under the Environment Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2010. Following a series of high-profile serious fires at waste management sites there is increased EA security of facilities such as Exeter’s MRF. In response, the MRF Manager commissioned a Fire Prevention Plan comprising a range of prevention and control measures some of which will require substantial investment. Tackling the risk of arson is a practicable first measure on which the EA is expecting us to make early progress.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative option is to defer this investment until a full business case for capital investment in the MRF is considered. However, a delay in starting improvement measures increases the risk of the EA issuing a variation to our Environmental Permit, which could require us to implement the full range of improvements without us having control over the timetable.

PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Matt Hulland, MRF Manager

- DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:**
- Email correspondence between MRF Manager and EA’s Environment Officer – Devon Waste, July 2018
 - Exeter City Council Fire Prevention Plan, Feb 2018 by The Oakleaf Group. Specifically, the following section ;

5.1 Arson

Arson	Current lack of adequate security outside of normal working hours and holidays.	Recognition that 24 hr CCTV is required Security alarm fitted to building Perimeter fencing to be checked regularly for any weak points Daily security checks by supervisory at the end of the shift
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DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: NA

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: NA

Decision Number	Date of Decision Made
29	23 August 2018