

## **Exeter Guildhall – Fire Alarm**

The following delegated decision was taken by the City Surveyor in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Support Services.

The fire alarm system in the Guildhall requires replacement as identified by both advice from a recent fire risk assessment and as two recent small fires within the facility were not detected adequately by the current system.

Early warning of fire is crucial in any premises, but given the historic nature of this asset, even minor damage is irreplaceable and would take considerable time to affect a Listed Building approved repair. Such downtime would have a detrimental effect on the income generation of the facility and the ability for formal Council events to be held in and the ability for the public to visit this significant Council asset.

The advice is to commission a new wireless fire alarm system as a priority to ensure early fire detection and notification; detection within all confined spaces in the premises; and minimising damage to a grade 1 listed building.

A Delegated Powers form has been raised to request £50,000 to install the replacement system.

The following Councillor, Officer and third parties were consulted:

Portfolio Holder for Support Services, Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, external fire risk assessor, fire alarm providers.