

Report to the Cabinet

Report reference: C/001/2006-07.

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Corporate Support Services.

Subject: Civic Offices – Atrium Ventilation.

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Recommendations:

That, in order to enable the replacement of the atrium ventilators, a supplementary DDF estimate in the sum of £15,000 be recommended to the Council for approval.

Report:

1. An integral part of the fire management strategy for the atrium area of the civic office complex is, in the event of a fire condition, having the ability to automatically ventilate the products of combustion via the opening of pneumatic ventilators located at the head of the atrium.
2. Following the failure of a number of the ventilators and the subsequent inspection by a specialist contractor, it has been established that due to the age of the ventilators it is no longer possible to procure replacement parts.
3. To address the defect, it is proposed to install eight louvred ventilators complete with pneumatic cylinders at a cost of approximately £15,000.

Statement in Support of Recommendation:

4. It is essential that this unacceptable situation be rectified with the utmost expediency.

Options for Action:

5. To do nothing cannot be considered as an option, as currently the fire management strategy for the atrium area is being compromised.

Consultation undertaken:

6. Colt Services Limited.

Resource Implications:

Budget provision: Supplementary DDF estimate of £15,000 to be recommended to Council.

Personnel: From within existing resources.

Land: Nil.

Community Plan/BVPP Reference: None.

Relevant Statutory Powers: N/A.

Background Papers: None.

Environmental/Human Rights/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: None.

Key Decision Reference (if required): N/A.