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| <b>WYFRA</b> | <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> | <b>11 DECEMBER 2007</b> | <b>ITEM No</b> |
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REPORT OF:

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT MEMBERS APPROVE

- 1 THE EXCEPTION TO STANDING ORDERS SET OUT IN PARA 2.2 OF THE REPORT
- 2 THE PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT DETAILED IN THIS REPORT IS APPROVED.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT DETAILS**

Exemption Category:

Contact Officer:

Mark Dixon – Health & Safety Manager

Background Papers:

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 In April 06, a multi-disciplinary working group was established to review the level of fitness provision/training for operational fire-fighters across the Authority.
- 1.2 Following the work of this working group a fitness policy has been drafted for approval by the Authority in the new year.
- 1.3 An integral part of this policy is the provision of adequate training equipment on station and a capital scheme of £150,000 phased over two years was included in the 2006/2007 approved capital plan.

## **2. Information**

- 2.1 Following consultation with Firebuy the Authority was able to access a nationally agreed contract via the MoD which should have been in place by 1 April 2007. Delays in the implementation of this contract left the Authority with no option than to seek alternative suppliers for this equipment. Following further discussions the Authority has been able to access a further national contract for provision of fitness equipment to the Prison Service. The suppliers have been selected from an Office of Government Commerce select tender list which is where Central Government go through the European tendering process to select a shortlist of suppliers which Local Authorities can use as a select list.
- 2.2 Members are therefore requested to approve an exception to standing orders to approve this method of purchase.
- 2.3 It is therefore proposed to purchase the following equipment :-

Purchase of x 48 Treadmills  
Purchase of x17 Concept II Rowers  
Purchase of x 11 Cross trainers  
Purchase of x 32 sets of dumbbells  
Purchase of x 29 adjustable weight benches  
Purchase of x50 fit balls

The treadmills and cross trainers are refurbished and come with a 1 year parts & labour warranty.

## **3 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 As detailed in paragraph 1.3 a scheme for the purchase of this equipment was included in the approved 2006/2007 capital plan and has been slipped into the current financial year. To date £10,000 of this scheme has been committed leaving £140,000 uncommitted. The revenue implications of this equipment in the form of capital financing charges will be £3000 in the current year rising to £18,000 in a full year. The cost of funding the capital plan is included in the approved revenue budget.