

Bourne Hill Briefing – Audit Committee – 24 September 2008

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- SDC and Morgan Ashurst entered into the Second Deed of Variation on the 30th July 2008, this document sets out the construction cost and the works programme with commencement and completion dates.
- The Cost of the variations is within the approved capital programme and maintains a reasonable level of contingency, value engineering will continue in order to preserve as far as possible and match to risks the overall project contingency.
- The start on site is agreed - 29th September 2008 and completion of the main contract is programmed for the 18th December 2009.
- Following completion of the works the contract envisages a period in which the Council will fit-out the refurbished Council House and the new extension and move staff in and complete the migration of the IT equipment from the existing Server Room to the replacement server room on-site or if the Countywide IT strategy is in place by then to a location off-site.
- The contractor will return to site on the 15th March 2010 to complete the refurbishment of the former Server Room, work is scheduled to be completed on the 14th May 2010.
- The mobilisation period and the pre-commencement enabling works commenced week beginning 18th August, these works include temporary road and car park closures, tree protection and pruning, creation of temporary pedestrian and cycle links and the establishment of the contractors compound and site hoardings etc.
- SDC will continue to manage the contract until the 31st March 2009, however in the spirit of cooperation Neil Ward from WCC Environmental Services Dept has joined the Project Steering Group and will be the conduit for day to day issues with the County until Vesting day.

The Council is therefore working within the recommendations of the Implementation executive, the existing approved capital programme and the General Duty to Co-operate.