

Trust and Charities Committee - 17 September 2014

Title of paper:	Tree Works – Old Coach Road, Wollaton	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Stuart Knight – Director of Strategic Asset and Property Management	Wards affected: Wollaton West
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>The report details works required to an avenue of trees on Old Coach Road. The road is an unadopted road in the ownership of Bridge Estate.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<p>That Committee approve the appointment of JA Kent Services (East Midlands) Ltd to carry out works to the trees on Old Coach Road at the price set out in the exempt appendix</p>	

1. BACKGROUND

Bridge Estate owns the freehold of Old Coach Road, an unadopted cul de sac accessed off Wollaton Road (see attached plan).

This is a narrow, tree lined road providing access to a number of residential developments, including Spean Court and Capitol Court, which have been built over the last 50-60 years. Ownership of the road has remained with Bridge Estate and access rights granted to the developers of the adjoining land.

The 26 lime trees that line the road have grown to a considerable height and are urgently in need of pollarding together with the trimming back of new shoots growing around the base. As the trees are located on land owned by Bridge Estate responsibility for their maintenance rests with it.

Three tenders were sought to carry out the work with the lowest tender submitted by JA Kent Services (East Midlands) Ltd ; details of the tenders are set out in the exempt appendix.

Examination of the historic access rights granted to users of the road will be undertaken to ascertain whether any of these costs can be re-charged.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The trees are creating a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians using the road and the larger branches, if not actively managed by pollarding, could create a health and safety risk.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

The trees cannot be left unmanaged as they will create a safety risk as well as inconvenience to road users.

The road is in the ownership of Bridge Estate and it is responsible for their maintenance.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

The cost of this work can be met from the Bridge Estate budget for repairs and maintenance.

Finance Observations provided by Georgina Lewis, Finance Analyst (31/7/14)

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues although steps should be taken to ensure that the proposed contractor has all the appropriate insurances in place.

Legal Observations provided by Malcolm R. Townroe, Head of Legal Services – 31.07.14

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions) ☒

No ☐

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached ☐

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None