

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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<b>Reference Number:</b>	3934
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<b>Subject:</b>	Lace Market Car Park - Electrical Works
<b>Total Value:</b>	£210,000 (Type: Capital)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To approve capital expenditure for essential electrical works required for the Lace Market Car Park electrical works and restore statutory health and safety requirements. To approve the use of the 'Maintaining Car Parks' earmarked reserve to fund the expenditure.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>Due to water ingress over many years, water has corroded and damaged the electrical circuit and conduit within the car park. This has now resulted in no lighting on several decks.</p> <p>For health, safety and fire compliance regulations reasons this work has had to start. The work is being undertaken by Nottingham City Council's Building Services and will be funded from the Maintaining Car Parks earmarked reserve. The car park is currently closed for other essential structural maintenance giving the opportunity to undertake these works without an extended closure and loss of further income. The risks for customers and staff are considerable if this work is left undone and it leaves the Council open to insurance claims if not dealt with promptly.</p> <p>During the COVID-19 epidemic it will be important to provide citizens with a safe place to park when they are being encouraged to use their own vehicles rather than public transport options. This will help support the City's economic regeneration as the car park is located in the heart of shopping, leisure and historic areas.</p>
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	Do nothing - This option had to be rejected due to statutory health and safety legislation. Delay works - This option had to be rejected due to the statutory health and safety legislation.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None

<b>Published Works:</b>	None
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	A well-maintained car park improves the quality and appearance of the building to help deter crime and give users the perception of a safe and secure environment.
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to any new or changing policies, services or functions.
<b>Relates to Council Property Assets:</b>	Yes
<b>Relates to Building Services:</b>	Yes
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	30/07/2020
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Property, Building Services
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	This report raises no significant legal issues. The electrical works need to be done urgently to comply with health and safety regulations. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 01/07/2020.

**Finance Advice:**

This decision will approve the capital expenditure to carry out essential electrical works at the Lace Market car park. The estimated cost of these works is £210,000, this capital expenditure will be funded through the use of the 'Maintaining Car Parks' earmarked reserve.

The forecast parking income for the 2020/21 financial year has been significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and there is still significant uncertainty within the Parking income forecast. Should the electrical works not be completed the Lace Market will not be able to reopen, this will have a detrimental impact on Parking's ability to achieve the current forecast. Advice provided by Matthew Connell (Commercial Business Partner) on 10/07/2020.

**Building Services Advice:**

Building Services support this work. Advice provided by Trevor Bone (Property Maintenance Manager) on 10/07/2020.

**Property Advice:**

Property support these works to protect the operational use of this freehold owned building. Advice provided by Peter Taylor (Senior Surveyor) on 29/06/2020.

**Signatures**

Rebecca Langton (PH Communities, Highways, Strategic Transport)

SIGNED and Dated: 23/07/2020

Katherine Kerswell (Interim Chief Executive)

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