Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision





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Subject:

Broadmarsh Car Park - Emergency Works

Total Value:

£110,000 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

Dispensation required in accordance with financial regulation 3.25, contract rule 5.1.2 in respect of completed emergency works at Broadmarsh Car Park.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Due to health and safety (H & S) concerns raised through completed structural surveys and failing infrastructure, immediate remedial works have been undertaken to reduce immediate H & S risks and undertake further intrusive survey works. Survey works have been undertaken as agreed with Property directorate to determine extent of any potential structural deterioration. All works are coordinated with the Broadmarsh refurbishment project team.

Other Options Considered:

Do nothing - due to H & S issues this option was discarded.

Undertake works during proposed refurbishment - Time line for project implementation will leave an unacceptable H & S risk to the public.

Undertake immediate works and coordinate intrusive surveys with project team. Option implemented to manage immediate H & S risk and co ordinate intrusive survey works with project team.

Background Papers:

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Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor nterests:	
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Jse of Consultants	Number of Days:23 Rate per Day:700 Total value:16000 Start date:01/09/2015
Reason for using a consultant:	End date:29/01/2016 Consultant used to undertake independent structural assessments of the car park structure in accordance with recommendations from the Institution of Civil Engineers with associated warranties for future development of the Car Park
Other options considered:	Use of internal resource - not an option due to resourcing issues and inability to provide a warrantied survey for future development works.
Name of consultant:	Pyle Car Park Consultants
Reason for selection?	Specialist independent assessors with known record of achievements on car parks of similar construction. Consultant agreed with car park development team as recommended assessors.
Has the consultant oreviously completed work for the City Council?	No
Specific activities to be undertaken by the consultant are:	Intrusive structural investigations to assess overall car park condition prior to H & S work completion and inform development team of structural integrity prior to development works commencement.
	Consultant to undertake engagement of concrete specialist to undertake opening and closure works, to enable investigatory works.
Period of engagement:	Five months
By what process was the consultant selected?	Specialist assessment and recommendation. Agreed by development team and in house structural engineers as best suit to provide independent advice
Consultations:	Date: 18/08/2015

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Other:K Shutter - Director of Strategic Assets and Property Richard Beckett - Commercial and governance Manager Rex Littlewood - Broadmarsh Car Park development lead

Consultations and H & S action plan discussed in August with co ordination agreement with methodology for auctioning remedial works and further intrusive survey works. Agreed post dated approval to be undertaken against expenditure from planned maintenance budget. Agreed consultancy engagement to give independent warrantied survey.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

There are no Crime and Disorder Implications

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. Reasons: this decision does not relate to new or changing policies, services or functions

Social Value Considerations:

Not applicable - this decision is below the social value consideration threshold

Relates to staffing:

Yes

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

Person Consulted: Councillor Brian Parbutt

Consultation Date: 18/11/2015

Works have had to proceed on the Broadmarsh Car Park to undertake emergency works on the removal of beam encasements that failed, due structural integrity failure of the panels. Failure gave an unacceptable H & S risk to the general public. Part of this exercise is due to increased concerns on structural elements of the Car Park; further investigatory works have commenced, to undertake a structural assessment of the car park and to determine extent of any perceived risk, along with escalation to planned H & S works. This element was undertaken to provide a warranted structural report to enable future development works confidence against identified areas of structural concern by third parties.

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources

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Legal Advice:

It is understood that the works have already been completed because of their urgent nature. In itself the proposed decision raises no significant legal issues. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 06/11/2015.

Finance Advice:

The cost of the emergency works will be met from the Planned Maintenance budget of £4.344m in 2015-16. Dispensation from Financial Regulations 3.25 is required due to the nature of the emergency works. Advice provided by Georgina Lewis (Finance Analyst) on 04/11/2015.

Procurement Advice:

Due to the urgent nature of the works the procurement team supports the recommendations set out within the report and raises no significant procurement issues.

Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 09/11/2015.

HR Advice:

Consultants required rather than internal advice due to specialist nature of work. While we employ structural engineers, they are unable to provide a warrantied independent report, to facilitate both the on-going H & S works and the requirement for project warranties. Advice provided by Hannah Gemmill (HR Business Partner) on 16/11/2015.

Signatures:

Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)

SIGNED and Dated: 17/12/2015

Graham Chapman (PH for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

SIGNED and Dated: 15/12/2015

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 15/12/2015

Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations

SIGNED and Dated: 11/12/2015

Chief Finance Officer's Comments:

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