



Leicester
City Council

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CABINET

21 June 2004

URGENT WORK UNDER CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Report of the Service Director, Highways and Transportation Division, Regeneration and Culture.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise Cabinet of Urgent Works carried out under paragraph 4.1(k) of the Contract Procedure Rules and approved by the Service Director, Highways and Transportation.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 The Council's procedures require officers to input to Cabinet occasions when urgent work means that they are unable to comply with the City Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 2.2 A routine visual survey of the retaining walls in Little Holme Street was undertaken on 12th November 2003 and 30th March 2004. A brief summary of the findings was that:
'The wall has slipped along its damp proofing membrane causing the wall to lean over and crack in a number of places along its length. The lean is considerable and is likely to result in the wall to topple over and collapse. Isolated sections of the wall are also showing signs of settlement with large gaps evident through the brickwork. This suggests there are foundation problems, which need to be addressed. There are 5 mature trees on the St Augustine Rd side, which means there is a strong possibility that the tree roots together with the lack of drainage are adding to the structural problems.'
- 2.3 Emergency shoring work and the removal of 5 mature trees was carried out immediately to ensure the short-term stability of the wall. The main work needed to be undertaken urgently, as there was a potential for collapse and consequentially a high risk of a public safety hazard. Therefore, a contractor was appointed to carry out this work without completing the normal contract procedures. The damaged sections of wall together with their foundations were demolished and are being replaced with a new reinforced concrete brick cladded wall. In line with the City Council Tree Policy, 5 new trees will be planted at suitable locations elsewhere in the City during the next planting season.

- 2.4 City Highways has undertaken the demolition and reconstruction works with a budget estimate of approximately £40,000. It is expected to take 8 weeks to complete the works that commenced early April 2004.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are recommended to note the urgent action of the Service Director (Highways and Transportation), taken under Contract Procedure Rule 4.1 (k)

4 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

The cost of the work is estimated to cost £40,000 and is being funded from the Bridge Maintenance Capital Budget.

4.2 Legal Implications

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules (rule 4(1)k) require that this urgent action is reported to Cabinet.

5 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Other Implications	Yes/No	Paragraph References within this Report
Equal Opportunities	NO	
Policy	NO	
Sustainable and Environmental	NO	
Crime and Disorder	NO	
Human Rights Act	NO	
Elderly Persons/People on Low Incomes	NO	

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Certificate signed by the Service Director, Highways and Transportation approving the urgent works dated 7th April 2004

7 CONSULTATION

Legal Services (Jean Geary, Principal Contracts Officer).

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)