

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD SHEET**

**Name of decision maker:** Cllr Margaret Griffiths

**Portfolio:** Housing

**Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:** 11 July 2014

**Title of Decision:** Delegation to the Assistant Director (Housing) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder For Housing to award the contract for the scanning of single balconies and communal areas in relation to the Cantilever single balcony project

**Decision made and reasons:**

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To delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Housing), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder For Housing, to award the contract for the scanning of single balconies and communal areas in relation to the Cantilever single balcony project.

**Reason:**

Where reinforcement is in the correct place, and therefore the balcony does not seem to require propping, the Council's structural engineer has still advised that not only should the outside section of all the balconies in the same block should be scanned, the inside should also be scanned to check that the reinforcement goes at least one metre within the building. The reason in part is due to an additional balcony collapse in April 2014 in Poole.

There are also communal areas that Building Control has asked to be scanned to make sure these have adequate reinforcement.

So as to carry out the work in a timely manner a company that specialises in concrete structures has been engaged. Due to the extra unforeseen works the scan cost could exceed £50k.

It is essential that there is no delay to this work for health and safety reasons and therefore it would not be appropriate to undertake a procurement exercise.

**Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)**

None

**Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:**

**Assistant Director Elliott Brooks, Group Manager Fiona Williamson and Lead Officer Adrian Hoole**

**Monitoring Officer comments:** The requirement to undertake a procurement process can be dispensed with where there is a real risk to the health and safety of the public.

**Deputy S151 Officer comments:** The cost of this procurement can be financed from

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capital balances within the HRA.

**Implications:**

**Risk:** If delegated authority is not given there is a risk that the work will be delayed. There is a significant health and safety risk as the Council cannot ensure that the balconies are not at risk of collapse if the scanning is not carried out.

**Financial** The value of the contract is expected to exceed £50k.

**Value for Money:** Their invoices are itemised and checked thoroughly. They produce detailed surveys

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**

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