

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

27 November 2012

Report of the Director of Property

COUNTY HALL (SOUTH COMPLEX) – STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO FORMER PLATE GLASS STORE

1. Purpose of the Report

Approval is sought to spend £130,000 from the Capital Contingency Budget for urgent structural repairs to an area that is understood to have been previously but not currently used to store replacement glass when the County Hall complex operated as the Smedley's Hydro.

2. Information and Analysis

The former plate glass store is located beneath the main tarmac terrace to the right of the rear stone access steps of County Hall, South Complex (see attached location plan). It can be accessed via a small set of external stone steps. The roof to the store and adjacent veranda columns are supported by a steel framework which has extensive corrosion, is beyond repair, and is no longer structurally sound. The area immediately above the store has been fenced off and taken out of use.

It is proposed to undertake essential remedial work to prevent a possible collapse of part of the terrace and veranda columns.

The proposed work will involve removing part of the terrace above the store to create suitable access and then to use a structural grade polystyrene block to fill the void in conjunction with remedial works to supporting wall and floor structures.

Upon completion of the work the terrace will be reinstated and the fencing removed.

The final details of the work will be dependent on consultation with planning officers and English Heritage. Planning and listed building consent is being sought for the work.

3. Financial Considerations

No funding is currently identified or allocated within existing budgets for structural repairs to the former plate glass store. It is proposed that the funding of £130,000 is allocated from the Capital Contingency Budget, which includes all relevant professional fees.

4. Legal Considerations

The County Council has a statutory duty to keep County Hall in a reasonable condition to protect its historic fabric as a Grade II listed building.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health and transport considerations.

6. Key Decision

NO

7. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? **NO**

8. Background papers and Officer contact.

A file is held in the Corporate Property department.

9. Officer recommendation

That approval be given to £130,000 being approved from the Capital Contingency Budget for urgent structural repairs to the former glass store at County Hall.

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