

MINESHAFT CHAPEL STREET CAR PARK

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Cath Giel

LEAD OFFICER: Pat Graham Head of Development Operations

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Summary and Recommendation:

This report deals with the third phase in the completion of works to permanently remediate a mineshaft found below the car park at Chapel Street, Egremont.

Members are recommended to agree to:

- a) Expend the capital budget of £264,000 as set out in 1.4
- b) The continuance of appointment of Capita Symonds and suspension of Contract standing Order 5.1.1 to 5.1.4.
- c) Phase 2 overspend of £9,800.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Reports have previously been provided to Executive (17/12/06, 7/6/07 and 08 04 08) on the presence of a mineshaft in the car park at Chapel Street Egremont.

1.2. A three phase approach was proposed, and Members have already approved the appointment of Capita Symonds geophysical design section to deal with the first two stages of this work comprising:

- Phase 1 - Preliminary and seismic surveys to determine precise location of mineshaft in preparation for potential borehole excavation at a cost of £9,400.
- Phase 2 - Design and contractor works to undertake shallow probing to fix the location of the shaft; 5no. exploratory boreholes to ~25m with rotary follow on into rock to confirm rock head level and profile and obtain soil and groundwater conditions; trial trenching to identify the nature of any backfill and enable a visual characterization of any shaft walls remaining intact; Laboratory analysis to determine geotechnical and soil chemical properties at an estimated cost of £84,000.

1.3. These two phases of work have confirmed the presence of a mineshaft and obtained information about groundwater, contamination, the fill, likely platform or support, and enabled the specialist to consider options for final remediation. Their report may be inspected or provided on request.

1.4. The preferred option is to cap the mineshaft and estimated costs have been provided by Capita Symonds and the Council:

- Fees for final stage £20,000
- Capping works £220,000
- CBC contingency £24,000 (to include temporary fencing).
- **TOTAL £264,000**

1.5. A budget bid for £264,000 has been made and that sum is included in the capital programme for 2009/10.

1.6. Capita Symonds has been contacted to confirm that, subject to approval, an early start can be made to complete this work before the Egremont Crab Fair which takes place each year in September.

1.7. There has been a small overspend on the Phase 2 where problems were met in the drilling of the borehole, augers became jammed and broke and a revised procedure was adopted to complete the drilling –members are advised that the overspend is £9,800.

2. PROCUREMENT

2.1. Consultants - as Capita Symonds has undertaken the first two stages of the project it is recommended the specialist continues with the third and final stage. The main reasons for this are to retain the knowledge they have gained on the project and to retain continuity of design and consequential liability, and to complete the works within our required timescale. This phase and the total of Capita fees for this project fall within the Contract Standing Order requirement for three quotations (£10,000 to £50,000). In order to enable Capita Symonds to continue Executive is asked to suspend the requirements for competition etc in this instance.

2.2. Contractors - the contractor estimated costs works fall within the Contract Standing Order requirement for three tenders (£50,000 to £140,000), There is sufficient time to comply with CSO's whilst design is completed (advertise obtain an Ad Hoc list and select the most economically advantageous tender, with acceptance by the Head of Development Operations in consultation with the Head of Finance and MIS).

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1. Members are asked to agree to:

- The proposal to expend the capital budget as set out in 1.4.
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4. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

4.1. The project including consultants will be managed by the Contracts and Property section of the Development Directorate (Operations).

4.2. Budgetary provision exists in the Capital Programme 2009/10 for Phase 3.

4.3. Overspend for phase 2 to be accommodated through the capital Programme.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

5.1. The proposal is aimed at ensuring the safety of and continuance of facilities for the residents and community in the Borough of Copeland – these aspirations directly link to the Council's objectives within the Corporate Plan.

List of Appendices

None

List of Background Documents:

Project file, reports etc
Capita and Ritchie reports.

List of Consultees:

Corporate Team, Leader, Cllr. Cath Giel, Cllr. A Holliday.

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	None
Impact on Sustainability	Yes supports
Impact on Rural Proofing	None
Health and Safety Implications	Yes if not addressed
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	None
Children and Young Persons Implications	None
Human Rights Act Implications	None
Monitoring Officer comments	CSO 3.2 allows for suspension of CSOs subject to satisfactory reasoning, as given in this case
S. 151 Officer comments	No further comments – the capital budget programme 2009/10 for the scheme is £264,000.

Is this a Key Decision? Yes