
**RELEASE OF CAPITAL ALLOCATION IN THE MTFP –
HIGH LEVEL INSPECTIONS AND REMEDIAL WORKS**

**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Stephen Harker
Efficiency and Resources Portfolio**

Responsible Director – Ian Williams, Director of Economic Growth

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the release of funding allocated in the Capital Medium Term Finance Plan (MTFP) to pay for high level inspections and high level remedial works to Council buildings.

Summary

2. An allocation of £100K has been earmarked for this purpose in the Council's Capital MTFP and the funding needs to be released in order for the required inspections and remedial works to be progressed
3. Subject to the release of the capital funding, the high level inspections are undertaken by specialist sub-contractors. The remedial works will in the main be undertaken by the Council's Building Services but some works may require specialist sub-contractors.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) The £100K allocated in the Capital MTFP for high level inspections and high level remedial works to Council buildings be released.
 - (b) The Director of Economic Growth be authorised to proceed accordingly.

Reason

5. The recommendations are supported to safeguard the condition of the Council's Buildings.

**Ian Williams
Director of Economic Growth**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no direct implications.
Health and Well Being	There are no direct implications.
Carbon Impact	There are no carbon impact implications in this report
Diversity	The recommendation does not have any specific diversity implications.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	There should be no groups adversely affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a Key Decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an Urgent Decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The recommendation will help to achieve the Perfectly Placed priority by safeguarding the condition of the Borough's heritage assets.
Efficiency	The proposed works will ensure the ongoing safety and condition of the Council's buildings and reduce the need for ad hoc inspections and temporary repairs.

MAIN REPORT

Background

6. An allocation of £100K in the Council's Capital MTFP has been earmarked for undertaking high level inspections and high level remedial works. This funding now needs to be released in order for the required inspections to be progressed and for high level remedial works to be addressed. Some high level works at the Hopetown Carriageworks have already been identified and it is proposed to attend to these in conjunction with the planned external re-rendering project to be undertaken at the Carriageworks Spring 2015.

Financial Implications

7. The sum of £100,000 was allocated in the 2012/13 MTFP capital programme. The work will be funded from corporate resources in the most financially advantageous way such as capital receipts or prudential borrowing and this has been accounted for in the Revenue MTFP.

Corporate Landlord Advice

8. The high level inspections will enable the Council to identify any current or potentially loose/dangerous parts of the buildings which can then be addressed subject to priority and availability of funding.

9. A number of high level works which have been identified as part of ongoing projects need addressing in order to make the buildings safe and fit for purpose. It is proposed that some of the funding allocated in the MTFP be used for this purpose.

Consultation

10. There has been no specific consultation on the high level inspections or remedial works being proposed.