



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Belfast Zoo – Electrical Survey & Repairs
Date:	16 June 2008
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Relevant Background Information

The purpose of this report is to seek appropriate authority to seek and approve tenders in this respect.

To obtain insurance for all properties with an entertainment licence a survey of electrical and mechanical systems is required and is undertaken by Royal Sun Alliance.

All buildings within the Zoo complex have been surveyed and remedial repairs identified. Urgent repairs, i.e. work requiring completion within a specified period of time, have been completed. However, the assessors identified additional work which at the time was non-urgent, but still required attention. If we are to comply with the wiring regulations and satisfy our insurers that we are minimising the insured risk. To date this work has not been undertaken. Our Building Maintenance Section has estimated that the cost will be in the region of £50,000 thus requiring a tender exercise.

Key Issues

The Committee is asked to note that a further inspection will be carried out towards the end of 2008. There is a high risk that insurance cover will be withdrawn if the work is not completed. If we wait until the assessment is carried out we may not be able to carry out the work within a short period of time.

Members are asked to note that tenders will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. proof of electrical competence including appropriate accreditation and experience;
2. cost;
3. operational methodology;
4. environmental management/impact; and
5. financial stability

Resource Implications

Financial

The costs of the work will be in the region of £50,000. This work will be carried out within the revenue estimates.

Human Resources

There is no direct HR implication.

Asset and Other Implications

This work will contribute to the safety of the public visiting the Zoo.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee grant authority to the Director of Parks and Leisure to issue and receive tenders in respect of the necessary works and to appoint the successful company in line with the evaluation criteria set out above.

Key to Abbreviations

None.

Documents Attached

None.