



Subject:	Proposal to carry out streetscape works to Rosemary/Lombard Street Area.
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To get Committee and Council approval to engage with the Department of Social Development in delivering a £320,000 streetscape scheme for Rosemary/Lombard Street area.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consider the report and;- Agree to the Building Control Service engaging in this contract subject to the issues of liability and management fees and any other amendments arising from the discussion being successfully addressed.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>Over the past few years the Council's Building Control Service have been successful in accessing substantial government funding from Departments such as DoE and DSD to deal with issues such as the dilapidations of buildings, signage and general improvements. This includes work carried out for Tall Ships, Giro d'Italia, North East Quarter and Bank Square Regeneration in addition to improvements to many buildings across the city. Resulting from this work the City Growth & Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 22nd April gave permission for the Service to engage with DSD to look at partnering in further projects with two particular areas mentioned as needing improvement. These included Castle Street and the Rosemary Street/Lombard Street area.</p>
3.2	<p>The DSD has confirmed that the Council has been offered £320,000 to carry out environmental improvements in the Rosemary Street/Lombard Street area. This work is in relation to resurfacing and cleaning the general area. While it is intended that the money will be spent by the end of March 2015 the DSD has confirmed that an overrun of 3 months would be acceptable due to delays in commencing the work.</p>
3.3	<p>If agreed by Committee and Council the contract is planned to commence end of January 2015 with a contract period of 4-5 months.</p>
3.4	<p>Although planning approval will be required for the Scheme, as it is not part of Streets Ahead, we have met and discussed the project including design and finishes with Planning Officers and initial discussions have been positive.</p>
3.5	<p>We have also spoken with the Council's Cleansing Service in relation to the design and finishes of the project and they confirmed they are satisfied. Initial discussions have taken place with BCCM and local traders on the design, finishes and contract period who have all given a very positive response to the Scheme. Should the Committee decide to move ahead with the Scheme we will also take the opportunity to engage with DSD and DoE in relation to the Air Quality monitoring station to see if it can be accommodated elsewhere.</p>
3.6	<p>Finally we have discussed the nature, time period and contracts for the Scheme with Property & Projects in order to ensure there is no liability or penalty clauses that might</p>

	<p>affect the Council. Resulting from these conversations we have agreed the type of tender procurement and contract details and have requested measures will be put in as follows: That the DSD formally underwrite any risk should the contract incur any overspend due to unforeseen services, site problems etc. DSD have agreed to do that and will supply the same in writing to the Council.</p> <p>3.7 The Service now need to get approval from the Council in order to procure Design Team, QS, CDM Coordinator and Contractor to carry out the works with an officer from Building Control facilitating the contract. If the Council decide to give approval regular reports will be brought forward to Committee.</p> <p>Financial & Resource Implications</p> <p>3.8 The Project Management, CDM. QS and Health & Safety will be carried out as part of the tender process. The Service will supply a senior officer for a limited involvement for the duration of the project to facilitate and protect the Council's interests. Surveyors from the Service, in addition to some administration support, will be required on a minimum basis and the costs for these are being discussed with DSD with a view to including them in the project sum.</p> <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications</p> <p>3.9 Equality issues have been dealt with by DSD.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1(a) – Rosemary and Lombard Street Masterplan Appendix 1(b) – Drawings on the Scheme</p>