

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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Decision Ref. No:

RE17 0157

Box 1

DIRECTORATE: Regeneration and Environment.

DATE: 20 September 2017

Contact Name: Mr JMG Blaik

Tel. No : 01302 736858

Subject Matter: To procure on-site structural load testing of Stanton 1808 concrete columns by an external provider.

Box 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To award an on-site structural load testing of 300 Stanton 1808 concrete columns to Roch NDT Services to the value £12,000 commencing on the 27th November 2017.

Box 3

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

Doncaster Council commenced its street lighting LED upgrade towards the end of 2015.

Whilst carrying out the installation phase of the project we took the opportunity to carry out structural inspection of the street lighting columns.

To augment our knowledge of our asset, we took the decision to remove a representative sample of main road concrete columns. These columns were dissected, measurements taken and calculations undertaken by an external Structural Engineer which revealed that our Stanton 1808 concrete columns are not suitable to support the new LED lanterns.

We have a total of 1200 Stanton 1808 concrete columns throughout the borough.

Due to the timing of the Structural Engineers work and subsequent report we have already installed new LED lanterns to 800 of the Stanton 1808 concrete columns.

It was agreed with the Smartlights Project Board that on-site load tests of the Stanton 1808 columns would be carried out so as to gather additional information to allow us to make an informed decision as to what action or not to take.

Only one company exists in the UK that can carry out such load tests of street lighting columns, Roch NDT Services.

That we test a sample of 300 columns which equates to a 25% sample. The work will take two weeks to complete.

The all-inclusive cost per unit tested is £40 x 300 units = £12,000.

Due to the urgency to obtain further structural information, insufficient time exists to procure Roch NDT Services via the normal procurement route.

Advice from the Council's Procurement Team has resulted in the production of this ODR.

Box 4

OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION:

The options are:-

Option 1 - Do nothing. Due to the potential risk to the traveling public and the duty placed upon the council under the Highway Act 1980 to protect the traveling public, this is not an option.

Option 2 - To secure the services of Roch NDT Services to carry out on-site structural load tests of 300 columns commencing on the 27th November 2017.

Box 5

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to purchase goods and services.

The procurement of a recruitment partner must be procured in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules.

Name: Nicky Dobson Signature: _____ Date: 9th October 2017
Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

Box 6

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Council's capital programme has an approved allocation of corporate resources of £334k for column replacement, this allocation has been amalgamated into the revised Street lighting improvement programme (Q0399). The load testing costs should be funded from the Street lighting improvement programme.

Name: _Julia Cooke_ Signature: ____ Date: _28/09/17_
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance
(or representative)

Box 7
HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Due to no-one within the Council having the expertise to carry out this test internally; there are no HR implications to this ODR.

Name: David Knapp Signature: Date: 25/09/2017
Signature of Assistant Director of Human Resources and Communications (or representative)

Box 8
PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

In certain circumstances the use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication can be adopted where the delivery of goods, works or services cannot be obtained through the traditional invitation of tenders.

Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) states the negotiated procedure without prior publication can be used where competition is absent for technical reasons but only where there is no reasonable alternative or substitutes exist and the absence of competition is not the result of artificially narrowing of the parameters of the procurement.

Reliance on the use of this procurement route (exception under technical reasons) must be rigorously defined and justifiable under the service offer proposed and recorded by way of an ODR and/or regulation 84 report.

The conclusion of the process will still require the Council to publish an award notice and consider the publication of a voluntary Ex Ante transparency (VEAT) notice to OJEU

Name: S Duffield Signature: Date: 09/10/17
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance
(or representative)

Box 9**ICT IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no ICT implications associated with this decision.

Name: Peter Ward (Governance & Support Manager)

Signature: **Date:** 20/09/17

Signature of Assistant Director of Customers, Digital & ICT (or representative)

Box 10**ASSET IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report that impact on the use of DMBC assets beyond those identified in the body of the report.

Name: David Stimpson, Property Manager

Signature: **Date:** 21 September 2017

Property Manager – on behalf of Assistant Director of Trading Services and Assets

Box 11**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

The reasonably foreseeable risk is that as a result of the installation new LED lanterns onto the Stainton 1808 concrete column has altered the dynamic loading of the columns such that it now has the potential to suddenly and catastrophically fail which may cause damage to property or injury to a person.

As a result of visual inspections, ultrasound tests and external Structural Engineer reports Doncaster Council now has intimate knowledge of the condition of its street lighting column asset.

This has allowed us to attribute a risk rating against all of our street lighting columns, allowed us to obtain additional column replacement funding and based upon the individual risk ratings produce a prioritised replacement program.

We know that we potentially have an issue with Stanton 1808 concrete columns. The additional on-site load tests will allow us to gather further information that will inform our decision making process and inform our column replacement program.

A detailed risk assessment has been written that relates to the Stainton 1808 concrete columns. The additional on-site load tests are contained within the risk assessment and once complete will positively contribute to reducing risk.

No carrying out the on-site load tests maintains the risk at a high level.

Box 12**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:****To be completed by the report author**

The works are fully inclusive regardless of age, disability, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion and belief, maternity and pregnancy, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership.

Name: J MG Blaik Signature: _____ Date: 20th September 2017
(Report author)

Box 13**CONSULTATION****Officers**

The Smartlights Project Board – G Gillies, A Rutherford, G Gaunt, J Cooke and M Smith.

Peter Dale – Director Regeneration and Environment.

S Wade – Safety Section.

M Sanderson – Senior Structural Engineer.

The Smartlights delivery team.

Members

Cllr J Blackham.

Box 14**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the public's interest for this decision record to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name: Sarah Greaves Signature: By E-Mail Date: 26/10/17
Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

Box 15

Signed: _____ **Gill Gillies** _____ **Date:** 3/11/2017
Gill Gillies, Assistant Director Environment

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Additional Signature of Chief Financial Officer or nominated representative for Capital decisions.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature of Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member consulted on the above decision (if required).

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