

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

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Decision Reference No: RE19 0017

BOX 1

DIRECTORATE: Regeneration and Environment

DATE: 01 March 2019

Contact Name: David Stimpson

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Subject Matter: Colonnades Retail Upgrade – Use of Retained Buildings Capital Improvement Budget 2018/19

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN**

Approval to use £45K of the £600k Retained Buildings Capital Improvement 2018/19 budget to progress the schemes detailed.

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The Colonnades SCRIF Project is one of the schemes which make up Doncaster's Urban Centre SCRIF Programme. It has been financed with £2.28m of SCRIF grant with a further £1.05m being invested by the Council to bring the overall investment in the retail and office building to £3.33m. The refurbishment of the office accommodation has been completed (January 2018) but the enhancement of the retail mall walkthrough is yet to be delivered. The grant allocation has been drawn down but £83k has been retained by SCR until the final project output has been achieved.

An assessment has been undertaken of the most appropriate form of upgrade to enhance the retail environment at Colonnades Shopping Centre and following an options appraisal, a lighting/ceiling upgrade and limited painting works was determined to have the most cost effective impact. This route also addresses a ceiling treatment currently in place that has had numerous repairs and is no longer in good condition, effectively detracting from the retail environment.

A scheme to replace the ceiling and lighting, with some minor painting works has been specified and costed at £192,511. This is a minimum cost of installation which reflects the need to carry out works out of normal business hours to minimise disruption to traders and the public and that savings have been made by having on site welfare facilities in a vacant retail unit at the centre.

Nonetheless the project cost is in excess of the available budget of £147,511. Underspends in the Retained Buildings Capital Improvement 2018/19 budget allows the shortfall to be met, at a maximum allowable increase in cost of £45k.

The total scheme cost is therefore covered. This report (ODR2) is adequate for the approval of additional funds as the rest of the expenditure has been approved previously via SCR funding.

**BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**BOX 5
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

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Name: _A J Rowbotham__ Signature _____ Date: _20th March 2019

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 6
AUTHORISATION**

Name: D Wilkinson

Signature:

Date: 21 March 2019

Dave Wilkinson, Assistant Director Trading and Property Services
On behalf of Director Regeneration and Environment

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer

NO

Declaration of Interest NO

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