



Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation	Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	17 November 2016

Asbestos Management Surveys

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To approve the use of Lancashire County Council (LCC) Design & Construction surveyors to carry out management asbestos surveys and to update asbestos registers for all council buildings.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Updated asbestos registers will aid the council to manage asbestos in its own buildings to comply with the legal duties.

3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 That approval is given to proceed with the engagement of LCC under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that "exceptions may apply regarding the appointment of consultants, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, solicitors, barristers and other people providing professional services".

4. Background

- 4.1 The last asbestos surveys were carried out over 10 years ago and following recent building works a need to update these has been identified.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1 It is proposed to engage LCC Design & Construction surveyors to carry out new management surveys and create new asbestos registers. This exercise is expected to take 12 months and commence in November 2016. Over the past 10 years LCC Design & Construction surveyors have carried out many refurbishment/demolition surveys for the council. They have proven to be very reliable, offer good advice and support and have the necessary qualifications and accreditation.
- 5.2 The estimated cost of 75 surveys based on cost recovery is approximately £55,000 (which includes a £5,000 contingency sum). Detailed estimates will be provided when the asbestos surveyors carry out pre-commencement site visits. The estimate does not include any urgent remedial works that may be necessary following the surveys. It is expected that any such works will initially be prioritised through the existing repair and maintenance budgets with other lower priority works delayed as necessary.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To consider departures from Rules relating to financial and contractual matters".

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	It is expected that the cost of the 75 asbestos surveys will be incurred over two financial years. It is estimated that the required budget in 2016/17 will be £33,000 and in 2017/18 this will be £22,000 bringing the total to £55,000 over the two years. The cost will be met from existing repair and maintenance budgets.
Legal	The appointment of Lancashire County Council complies with the exemption set out in the report to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	✓

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	✓
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection

List of appendices

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