

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 20 MAY 2013

REPORT ON: CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY - SITE INVESTIGATION CONTRACTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT NO: 226-2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the on-going site investigation work associated with the council's statutory contaminated land responsibilities and update Committee on the projects undertaken in 2012/2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the contents of this report and authorises the City Engineer to instruct the required site investigation works up to the value of £100,000 in financial year 2013/14, through the existing Unit Rate Contract.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above expenditure can be met from allowances within the Environment Department's Revenue Budget for 2013/2014.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990 places a statutory duty upon local authorities to inspect land within its area for the purposes of identifying and remediating contaminated land. Dundee City Council carries out this work under the terms of its agreed Contaminated Land Strategy.

4.2 Since the adoption of the above strategy, substantial progress has been made with the prioritisation of sites for inspection, preparation of Phase 1 (desk-based) study reports, and Phase 2 (physical or intrusive) site investigations. The table contained in Appendix 1 of this report details the projects that were undertaken in 2012/2013 along with those scheduled for 2013/2014.

4.3 Reference is made to Article 2 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 24 August 2009 when the use of the Unit Rate Contract for contaminated land works was agreed.

4.4 It is proposed that the Environment Department continue to identify appropriate sites for investigation or remediation as indicated in Appendix 1 and continue to work with the City Engineer to prepare tenders based on the Unit Rate Contract for each work package. This will avoid delays in carrying out these works and will ensure best value is achieved from the available budget. An allowance of £10,000 has been made for professional fees associated with the above, giving a total estimated expenditure of £100,000.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are:

5.1 Sustainability

5.1.1 The sustainability policy principles that are addressed in this report are:-

- ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislation and related policy guidance; and
- monitor remediation of contaminated land and reduce land dereliction throughout the city.

5.1.2 The acceptance of the contents of this report will assist the Council in meeting its statutory obligations in relation to the remediation of contaminated land within the city.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and Director of City Development have all been consulted in relation to this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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APPENDIX 1

Location	Type of Site Investigations	Status
Completed Projects		
Hillside Quarry	Gas monitoring	Complete / site suitable for current use
Albion Foundry	Soil sampling, gas, vapour and water monitoring	Complete / site suitable for current use
Polepark Works	Soil sampling	Complete/ site suitable for current use
Garden Works	Soil sampling	Complete/ site suitable for current use
Black St Quarry	Soil sampling	Complete / site suitable for current use
Kinnaird Works	Soil sampling	Complete / site suitable for current use
Seabraes/Roseangle	Surface water sampling	Complete / site suitable for current use
Geological survey work (various sites)	Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)	Complete
Works On-going		
Seafield Works	Soil sampling, water and gas monitoring	On-going
Constable Works	Soil sampling	On-going
Rockwell works	Soil sampling	On-going
Kilspindie Road	Groundwater management	On-going
Midmill Gas holder (Drumgeith Road)	Soil sampling	Voluntary remediation proposed by land-owner
Charleston Quarry	Gas and water monitoring	On-going
New Projects		
Former petrol stations (locations tbc)	GPR, soil, vapour and water monitoring	
Former landfill sites (locations tbc)	Soil, gas and water monitoring	
Marchbanks Yard	Soil and groundwater sampling	
Residential properties located on former industrial land	Soil sampling	