

REPORT TO: HOUSING, DUNDEE CONTRACT SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT
SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13th JUNE 2011

REPORT ON: CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY - SITE INVESTIGATION
CONTRACTS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & TRADING STANDARDS

REPORT NO: 273-2011

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the committee of the projects undertaken in 2010/2011 and make recommendations for the continuing implementation of the Contaminated Land Regime, in particular letting of contracts for site investigation works

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) notes the projects that were undertaken in 2010/2011 as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report;
- (ii) approves that Environmental Health & Trading Standards (EHTS) continue to use the City Engineers in a consulting role, utilising their expertise in tender preparation and project management;
- (iii) agrees that the City Engineer is authorised to accept the most favourable tender for each work package. All such tenders will be reported retrospectively to committee for information and on completion of works programme.
- (iv) approve the spending of up to £89k in financial year 2011-2012 for the purposes of progressing the Contaminated Land Strategy.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure required for the financial year 2011/2012 can be met from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department's revenue budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article 7 of the Environmental Services and Sustainability Committee of 22nd August 2005 when the Council's procedures for the continuing implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy were agreed and to Article 2 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 24th August 2009 when the use of a Unit Rate Contract for contaminated land works were agreed.
- 4.2 Since the adoption of the 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 2010/2011 and the forecasted expenditure for ongoing works in 2011/2012 which will be kept under continual review. The table indicates the Contractor appointed to carry out the ground investigation together with the contract amount. The remainder of the costs are associated with professional fees and other non-contract costs.

- 4.3 The work carried out is dependent on site-specific conditions encountered at individual sites, and to this end, site investigation and remedial work will be costed on an individual project basis.
- 4.4 It is proposed that EHTS identify appropriate sites for investigation or remediation 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 to maximise spend of the available budget. A report detailing each work package that has been let will be reported retrospectively to committee for information.

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
- 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, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, Assistant Chief Executive 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

Mainstream Revenue Allocation

Project Title	Contractor	Contract Amount	Expenditure 2010/11	Forecast Spend 2011/12
Unit Rate Contract Ground Investigation			£5,718.07	£0.00
Part II Revenue Monitoring/ Management			£10,000.00	£9,000.00
Douglas Foundry, Victoria Joinery, Barnhill Goods Yard & Cloan Rd	Bam Ritchies	£15,328.60	£15,328.60	£0.00
Forfar Road Sampling & Monitoring			£600.00	£0.00
Hillside Quarry, Forebank Dye Works, Camperdown Works & Tayfield Site	Bam Ritchies	£29,499.55	£29,499.55	£0.00
Dargie Glebe	ERS/GGS	£6,950.00	£15,082.45	£0.00
Kilspindie Road Groundwater Management	ERS	£14,395.50	£23,564.36	£0.00
Camperdown Works, Forebank Dye Works, Tayfield Jute Works, Hillside Quarry & Agnes Square - Soil Sampling	Alcontrol	£10,330.90	£10,330.90	£0.00
EHTS GIS secondment			£1,440.00	£0.00
National Library of Scotland – OS Survey Map			£889.25	
Funding for Projects Still to be Identified			-	£80,000.00
TOTAL			£112,453.18	£89,000.00