

REPORT TO: HOUSING, DUNDEE CONTRACT SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE - 23rd JUNE 2008

REPORT ON: CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY - SITE INVESTIGATION CONTRACTS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & TRADING STANDARDS

REPORT NO: 346-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the committee of the projects undertaken in 2007/2008 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 2007/2008 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 £113k in financial year 2008-2009 for the purposes of progressing the Contaminated Land Strategy.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure required for the financial year 2008/2009 can be met from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department's revenue budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Committee Report 500-2005 when the Council's procedures for the continuing implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy were agreed by this Committee and to the Agenda Note dated 25th June 2007 relating to use of a Unit Rate Contract for contaminated land works, which was agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee.

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 2007/2008 and the forecasted expenditure for ongoing works in 2008/2009 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 next stage in the process is the assessment of the results of the Phase 1 studies and Phase 2 site investigations to reprioritise sites to be progressed to Phase 2 site investigations or remediation.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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)
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)
Head of Finance
Director of Planning and Transportation

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 **None**

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APPENDIX 1

Mainstream Grant

Project Title	Contractor	Contract Amount	Expenditure 2007/08	Forecast Spend 2008/09
Unit Rate Contract Ground Investigation	N/A	N/A	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Part IIA Capital Monitoring/Management Peer Review Study -Law Quarry	N/A	N/A	£15,125.75	£10,000.00
	N/A	N/A	£1,500.00	£0.00
Scientific Services - Riverside Ave OG1 Gas Monitoring	N/A	N/A	£791.45	£0.00
Phase 2 - Chemical Works Dighty Water	N/A	N/A	£9,090.00	£0.00
Phase 2 - Balgillo Cottage Quarry	Ritchie	£4,234.70	£9554.70	£0.00
Phase 2 - Agnes Square	Ritchie	£14,627.39	£27,602.39	£0.00
Phase 2 - Camphill Quarry	Ritchie	£4,319.60	£8,639.60	£0.00
Phase 2 - Balmossie	N/A	N/A	£685.00	£0.00
Phase 2 - Marchbanks Depot	N/A	N/A	£1,500.00	£0.00
Dundee Nickel Study	N/A	N/A	£6,850.00	£0.00
Peer Review- ABB	N/A	N/A	£4,200.00	£0.00
Phase 2 - Dens Metals	Raeburn	£2,650.00	£8,293.72	£0.00
Phase 1 - Tullidelph Care Home	N/A	£2,135.00	£2,135.00	£0.00
Phase 1 - Forebank Dye Works, Glebelands S.H., Nelson Street ,School Thornbank Street	N/A	N/A	£8,500.00	£0.00
Phase 2 -Kilspindie Block 23	N/A	N/A	£11,696.45	£0.00
Phase 1 - Ladywell Avenue,3 Roseangle,St Vincent Street/Brook Street	N/A	N/A	£6,235.00	£0.00
Technical Support	N/A	N/A	£14,730.86	£13,000.00
GIS Equipment	N/A	N/A	£3,290.00	£0.00
Funding for Projects Still to be Identified	N/A	N/A	N/A	£85,000.00
Total			£145,419.92	£113,000.00

Specific Project Grant

Project Title	Contractor	Contract Amount	Expenditure 2007/08	Forecast Spend 2008/09
Phase 3/4 - Kilspindie Block 23	Hunter Geotechnical & Dundee Plant	£190,130.55	£270,920.63	£0.00
Total			£270,920.63	£0.00