

**HARRIS HOUSE DEVELOPMENT – APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS**

Report by Director of Technical Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT To seek approval to the appointment of Consultants.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial or other constraints to the recommendations being implemented.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 In order to progress design work on this project it will be necessary to appoint consultants for the following disciplines – Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Structural Engineering and Civil Engineering.
- 2.2 Due to financial constraints, it will not be possible to make full appointments at this stage, however the total value of the commission(s) requires OJEU advertising and this exercise has been initiated.
- 2.3 The appointment(s) will be in two parts, the first being to the completion of the outline design to allow the cost estimates to be sufficiently developed. Progression beyond that point will be subject to financial approval and inclusion of the project in the Capital Programme 2008 – 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Technical Services, be authorised to appoint Mechanical, Electrical, Structural and Civil Engineering Consultants for the Harris House project to the completion of the outline design stage to allow cost estimates to be sufficiently developed.**

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Background Papers: Nil