

Appendix 4

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Financial Implications

Officers have sought initial estimates of the costs involved for the works in the event that the owner does not comply with the requirements by the end of the compliance period. The initial estimate of the total of these costs is in the order of £7,200 depending on the method of demolition. It will be necessary to obtain two full quotes prior to entering into a contract with a contractor, but the above figure is considered to be a reasonable indicator of the likely costs.

There are a number of ways in which the resultant costs can be recovered, though the most applicable is by placing a charge on the land and then enforcing the charge by way of an Order of Sale of the property in the Courts. The costs associated with the direct action would therefore be recoverable costs. The intention is to pursue the legal remedy that gives us the greatest certainty of getting our money back.

Environmental Health has a budget for dealing specifically with unlawful dwellings. The budget has recently been increased for the financial year 2013/2014 with a grant from DCLG for £60,000. Therefore until costs are recovered there is a budget for doing the work.

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