**DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS**

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| **Decision title:**  | Engineering services to Inspect, Investigate, Advise, Review, Formulation of Solution, Arrange and Project Manage Works Address: 50 - 72 Masons Road, Wood Farm, Oxford OX3 8QW |
| **Decision date:** | 19 November 2021 |
| **Source of delegation:**  | Part 4.4 of the Constitution: All executive functions except the ones in Part 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 are delegated to the officers in the senior management structure.Property Services identified the requirement for this specialist service following condition surveys which listed a number of properties (houses and flats) which were suffering structural damage. |
| **What decision was made?**  | The cost of the necessary engineering services will be in the region of £80,000, including a 15% contingency.Structural Budget: N6386A quotation has been provided by Wilde Consulting Engineers, via the South East Business Portal. Award of contract to Wilde Consulting Engineers to undertake work at 50 - 72 Masons Road, Wood Farm, Oxford OX3 8QW for the value of c £80k in accordance with Part 19.11 of the ConstitutionInformation provided is neither confidential nor exempt. |
| **Purpose:**  | This block of flats has been experiencing structural movement for some years. The cause of the movement has not been fully determined, although several hypotheses have been suggested.The cause needs to be definitively determined, then stabilisation works and repairs executed.Several of the residents have expressed concern about the cracks. Tenants have been moved out of two of the flats due, indirectly, to the damage. Others have asked for alternative accommodation, due to their perception of a risk. |
| **Reasons:**  | The structural movement needs to be arrested by undertaking works designed by the appointed structural engineer.All works for the prevention of further deterioration to the building fabric and avoidance of more costly works at a later date. |
| **Decision made by:**  | Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services |
| **Other options considered:**  | It is hoped that these proposals will remedy the structural issues. If they do not, then other more radical options, which have until now  been rejected, may need to be reconsidered. |
| **Documents considered:** | Various documents are available, on request.Photographs of the damage can also be provided on request |
| **Key or Not Key:**  | Not key |
| **Wards significantly affected:** | Churchill |
| **Declared conflict of interest:**  | None  |
| **This form was completed by:****Name & title:****Date:** | Katharine GouldSenior Building Surveyor, Property Services19 November 2021 |

**Approval checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date***  |
| **Decision maker** | Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services | 19 November 2021 |