

3 BURNS AND HARRIS - REMEDIAL SITE MEASURES (AN368-2006)

To allow for redevelopment of the former Burns and Harris site at West Marketgait in early 2007, the existing building requires to be demolished and remediation measures undertaken to deal with any ground contamination.

Given the critical timescales associated with the above works, the Director of Economic Development instructed the City Engineer to arrange for demolition tenders to be sought and to undertake an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the site. The result of the EA will be used to determine the nature of the remediation measures necessary to deal with any contamination that might be found on the site.

Tenders for the demolition works have been invited from contractors on the Council's Select Tender List. These were returned on 10th November 2006 and are currently being assessed. Authority is now sought to accept the most favourable tender recommended by the City Engineer.

The City Engineer has appointed W A Fairhurst and Partners to undertake the Environmental Assessment and to report back on any necessary ground remediation measures. Details of the demolition tenders and any necessary ground remediation measures will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

A budget cost allowance of £175,000 has been made for carrying out the demolition works and the EA investigation. The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) advises that this can be met from within allowances in the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund in 2006/2007.