
REPORT TO:	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 14(a)
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	FUNDING OF ESSENTIAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DARKLANDS ROAD DEPOT	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM/08

1.0 Reason for Urgency:

1.1 This matter has come to light in the last few days, but has the potential to prevent the achievement of a Corporate Target and relates to a matter of legal compliance.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Members agree to additional expenditure of £14,500 to make essential improvements to the drainage system at the Council's depot.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the urgent need to make improvements to the drainage and the drainage protection systems at the Council's depot and to secure the funding needed to ensure ongoing legal compliance.

3.0 Detail

3.1 A survey undertaken as part of the Council's Environmental Management System (EMAS) has revealed the urgent need to make improvements to the drainage system at the Depot and associated protection to avoid any risk of accidental spillages finding their way into the drainage system.

3.2 The Council's EMAS officer has obtained prices for the work to be undertaken and has offered advice that the work is essential to secure one the aims of EMAS, namely quality assured legal compliance.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Additional funding of £14,500 would be required to complete the work, consisting of £9,500 to be spent on drainage construction and £5,000 on other protection measures.

4.2 This expenditure was not anticipated and has not been allowed for in the Environmental Services budget. The proposal is that this unexpected essential work be funded from reserves.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1** The provision of funding for this work will allow the Council to continue to meet its legal obligations and proceed to EMAS accreditation.