



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL



# Officer Delegated Decision

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and  
s151 Officer

**To seek approval to enter into contract with a drainage specialist for drainage works at Dysart Park, Grantham and to approve the release of the necessary funding from the Grantham Special Expense Area Reserve to finance the works**

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer.
<b>Decision:</b>	To seek approval to enter into contract with a drainage specialist for drainage works at Dysart Park, Grantham.
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	Public
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	The Deputy Chief Executive is authorised under at Part 3 (c) for Delegated Powers to Officers, item 28 (Tendering) of the constitution to accept tenders and award contracts to contractors on behalf of the Council in the following circumstances: a) Following a tender process strictly in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations.

b) For carrying out works and/or the provision of goods and/or services.

## **1. Implications**

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance***

1.1 The funding of these works will be allocated from the Grantham Special Expense Reserve as the Park is a specific SEA asset.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

### ***Legal and Governance***

1.2 There are no significant legal or governance implications arising from this report not already referred to in the body of the report or identified within the finance and procurement implications.

Completed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

### ***Procurement –***

1.3 As 3 quotes were sought in line with Contract Procedure Rules, this is a compliant route.

Completed by: Helen Baldwin

## **2. The Purpose of the Report**

2.1 To seek approval to enter into contract with a drainage specialist for drainage works at Dysart Park, Grantham.

## **3. Available Options Considered**

3.1 Option 1 – Enter into contract with specialist drainage contractor (CDS) to enable essential drainage works at Dysart Park in Grantham, addressing ongoing issues

of waterlogging and preventing further damage being caused to the surrounding grounds.

- 3.2 Option 2 – Not to award works to specialist drainage contractor (CDS) to undertake drainage works. This is not a recommended option as there are health and safety risks evident from the ongoing waterlogging along with damage which is being caused by the persistent waterlogging.

#### **4. Preferred Option**

- 4.1 Option 1 – Enter into contract with specialist drainage contractor (CDS) to enable essential drainage works at Dysart Park in Grantham, addressing ongoing issues of waterlogging and preventing further damage being caused to the surrounding grounds.

#### **5. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

- 5.1 An investigation and CCTV report was undertaken by drainage specialist (CDS) who found numerous failing land drains throughout the park, with new French drains proposed by the contractor to alleviate the existing buildup of groundwater.
- 5.2 Increases in rainfall have meant that the existing drainage system is inadequate and a lack of maintenance means that the drains have failed or become blocked over time. This has led to numerous ongoing complaints being received from local residents and Councillors.
- 5.3 The existing land drains are ineffective and incorrectly sized for the amount of water to be drained, so a new scheme of drainage has been designed by CDS to meet the need of the areas drainage requirement. A proposed layout drawing has been prepared by CDS detailing the proposed new drainage routing. See ***Appendix A - Dysart Marked Site Plan.***
- 5.4 During the course of the summer period the Park area has experienced consistent waterlogging and this is only anticipated to be exasperated during the up coming autumnal and winter periods. This is lead to health and safety risks to the users with damaged being caused to the walkways and grassed areas in the proximity. These works will look to provide a long term solution to these issues.
- 5.5 Works are anticipated to take approximately 5 weeks from commencement and have been quoted by the drainage contractor at a value of £48,217.68. The contractor will also look to make good any areas requiring repair to the grass surfaces by laying top soil and seeding on reinstatement.
- 5.6 Works have been procured in line with South Kesteven District Council's Contract and Procurement procedure rules. Approach was made to 3 contractors to bid for the drainage works of which only one returned a successful quotation and the other two contractors failed to submit a qualifying quotation.

## **6 Appendices**

### **6.1 *Appendix A - Dysart Marked Site Plan.***

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

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Dated: **11 October 2024**