



**EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM**

<b>Name of Officer seeking Exception:</b>	Peter Withers
<b>Service Area:</b>	Property Services
<b>Contract Title:</b>	Guildhall Arts Centre Bell Turret and Stonework Repairs
<b>Description of Contract</b> (attach supporting documentation if applicable)	
<p>During the works to repair the roof and clock tower of the Grantham Guild Hall Arts Centre it became apparent that works were required to repair the bell turret as advised by our consultant, William Saunders. The lath surface covering the turret structure was removed and it became apparent the timber structure of the turret was severely decayed to the extent that its immediate removal was required as it was structurally unstable.</p> <p>The turret was removed to a workshop where it was the subject of detailed investigation and part was dismantled. A schedule has been produced of the repairs required and the works are priced on the basis of time expended and materials used as the contractor is unable to provide a fixed cost for all works. Where the extent of time and materials cannot be fixed, a provisional sum has been allowed. Where the extent of the works is known, a fixed price has been provided.</p> <p>In addition, it has been recommended that whilst the scaffolding is in place stonework repairs are also done as it will be more cost effective.</p> <p>The works will address the identified issues and provide a solution that will maintain the structural integrity of the turret for the long term. The works have been costed at £117,576.90 exc VAT.</p>	
<b>Estimated Total Value of Contract:</b>	£117,576.90 exc VAT
<b>Target Contract Start Date:</b>	February 2026
<b>Contract End Date:</b>	March 2026

**Procurement Review:**

A contract of this value should be tendered in line with the Authorities Contract Procedure Rules, however, owing to the specialist nature of works and need for continuity, use of Hardy Construction is recommended. The value is under the PA23 Threshold and would be of low risk of challenge. An award notice will be issued prior to the contract being signed.

Completed by: Helen Baldwin (Procurement Lead)

