

HALLS, CEMETERIES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Date: 18th January 2020

Title: Operational Report - Progress on improvements & repairs since last meeting

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer – John Hickman

Background

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of improvements and repairs since the last meeting.

Current Situation

Electrical Contractors have installed power supplies for the coloured floodlighting in the Foyer and Gallery Room of the Corn Exchange. The Operations and Estates Officer is talking to the electricians regarding some of the work carried out in a manner that was agreed or quoted.

The vehicular access gates at Tower Hill have been adjusted by the works team to make access easier for those users supplied the gate padlock code by the Friends of The Cemeteries.

PAT testing has now been completed in all areas except the Town Hall by the works team.

The works team have cleared the overgrown shrubs and lifted the conifer at the top of Section 8 Tower Hill Cemetery to allow safer usage of the memorial bench in this location and for easier viewing for vehicles of pedestrians.

The works team continue to clear the bottom of section 9 when weather conditions suit, to prepare the area for levelling and seeding ready for use as family ashes plots.

Grounds Contractors have now completed the leaf clearance within Tower Hill Cemetery.

The works team have levelled an area of floor within the Town Hall to make it suitable for use as a desk area.

Contractors have been commissioned to commence repair works to 51 A Market Square shop front.

The works team are planned to carry out repair work etc. within 51A Market Square.

An asbestos survey has been booked for both properties 51A and 51B Market Square.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

IN DECISION MAKING COUNCILLORS SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RISKS TO THE COUNCIL AND ANY ACTION IT CAN TAKE TO LIMIT OR NEGATE ITS LIABILITY.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report.