

- General property related Health & Safety issues
- Management of risk and liability for prosecution
- Accurate and timely budget allocation and forecasting
- Informed prioritisation of improvement expenditure
- Focused and accurately budgeted capital and major works programmes
- The long term effectiveness of the Decent Homes programme and other major projects.

5.16 A full survey of this sort will cost in excess of the £250,000 and as such standing orders require cabinet approval before procuring such a contract and while the expenditure is not inconsiderable, in the context of a long term RMI contract which could be valued in excess of £10M per annum, it is considered an essential investment to safeguard longer term investment. Unfortunately the need for the survey was not known when the annual report to cabinet listed the proposed tendering exercises, hence this request to Cabinet to endorse the proposals. The urgency is to ensure that field work is undertaken in time to inform the tendering exercise commencing in the Spring of 2016.

Recommendation

2.2 That Cabinet is requested to resolve

That following adopted procurement rules, officers seek to tender a stock condition survey of the HRA owned council homes expeditiously in order to inform the major contracts reprocurement exercise.