



Report on water leak at Quay West Toilet Block

Background

The toilet block located at Quay West Car Park has been identified with a water inlet leak. Wessex Water has served the council with a 14-day notice for repair of this issue.

Actions Taken

Upon receipt of the notice, we contacted Water 2 Business who provided a list of approved contractors qualified to undertake this type of work. To ensure value for money, we approached four contractors for quotations including approved contractors from Water 2 Business list and local contractors with relevant experience.

The contractors were initially approached for leak detection works. However, most advised that due to the age of the pipe and difficulties locating leaks precisely, they have recommended a complete re-piping solution instead.

Three of the four contractors approached have submitted quotations for the required repairs.

Financial Implications

There is no allocated budget for this unexpected repair. The work will need to be financed using General Maintenance Budget in Public Toilets cost centre.

Additional costs may be incurred that are currently unknown such as compensation to SC for disruption caused by excavation work in the car park.

Quotations and work specification

Three quotes have been received, and they are (exclusive of VAT):

Quote A: £2,670.00

Quote B: £2,897.76

Quote C: day rate @ £375 plus any materials used. (Unknown time frame of work but verbally said to be approx. 7 days)

All quoting contractors have confirmed their ability to commence and complete the works within the timeframe required. However, it should be noted that the toilet block may need to be closed for up to one week while the repair work is being carried out.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- Approves Quote A to undertake the necessary repairs within the timeframe specified by Wessex Water
- Delegate the authority to the Clerk to approve any additional reasonable costs associated with the works as outlined above

Ben Parker

Town Clerk

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