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	Date	20th October 2026	
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		Town Hall Drainage Survey	FC4/61a

Background information

Due to the historic and ongoing issues with the drainage system at Neston Town Hall, a drainage survey is vital at this stage in the process of exploring future options for the building. Following the Vision Group meeting held at the end of September, Neston Town Council's appointed LCC consultant expressed the need for a CCTV drainage survey to be undertaken as the next logical step as the Town Council progresses with its draft business case regarding the future of the Town Hall. The Town Council was advised by the consultant to appoint TechFlow who he recommended for this work. They are a company based in Northwich, Cheshire.

Due to the complexity of the system TechFlow is unable to provide the Town Council with a fixed quotation. However, I have been advised that two operatives will be required at a minimum cost of £1,300 (excluding VAT).

Information received from the contractor

"We have previously worked on the Town Hall drains so very aware of the issues you have suffered. We have just attended to reactive callout so no full inspection as such. There is quite a bit to do so I would say a 2-man team would be required. Costs at this stage could be anywhere between £700-£1300+VAT. It really does depend on amount of cleaning required to enable a clear camera survey as well as access issues into the drains. I have attached an example of our surveys for reference.

Regarding a formal quotation. We always like to give you a worst-case scenario to work with... [and] charge accordingly if the job takes less time than expected. To give a fixed quote would mean carrying out most of the survey anyway to see what's involved.

We always just charge for time onsite to allow you to save costs. Hopefully it will be a quick process as we have done a lot of jobs there previously. Please bear in mind it would be the main drains only and may be limited with actual access for cameras into the system. The internal smaller waste pipes etc. would not be surveyed. We know there are a few manholes present but never actually needed to check where everything runs."

Contingency allowance

We have been advised to allow for an additional half-day contingency of £700 (excluding VAT) in case of any unforeseen circumstances when the survey has commenced. It is likely that this will not be needed.

Due to the fact that this work derives from the Town Hall Vision Project it is requested that funds are drawn down from the Special Project fund, up to the value of £2,000, in order to fund these works (agenda item FA4/61d).

This is a time-sensitive issue due to the draft business plan deadline; therefore, commencement of the survey is required as soon as practicable.

Zoë Dean
Chief Officer
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