

APPENDIX A

“Project Mandate”

Agenda item number:

Date of issue:

Meeting: Programme Board

Date: 10th December 2012

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Service : Central Services

Status: Issue identified relating to public access and use of the Cattle Market

Subject: Cattle Market accessibility

1 Purpose of report

Gain approval for improving the access walkways within the Cattle Market, including a proposed new link from the abattoir car park into the Cattle Market.

2 Recommendations

A budget of up to £35k is provisionally agreed for the architect fees and feasibility study and any recommended improvement works.

Proposals will be taken forward as part of a draft Investment Strategy and Plan for the Cattle Market operation between the current operator and MBC.

Funding of any recommended improvement works will be negotiated with the cattle market partners and initial discussions have been held..

The Investment Strategy is required for the Cattle Market to address all the forthcoming repair issues and future investment/income issues.

The Cattle Market partners agreement expires in 2016.

3 Background

The Cattle Market is currently under a policy of minimal spend which the Investment Strategy will challenge. The site is used by huge numbers of farmers and general public who require safe and appropriate access around the site.

The Gleeds Condition survey has identified that access surface conditions at the property are poor and deteriorating due to its age and minimal maintenance and identifying formal walkways is the proposed

way forward including a new pedestrian link into the Cattle Market from the abattoir car park

4 Legal, financial and IT implications

Reasonable and safe pedestrian access must be provided to the users of the Cattle Market.

5 Initial Assessment of risk

Gleeds have surveyed the Cattle Market site and suggest an access route is the best way forward.

Improvements are necessary and the Council will look to agree designated walkway routes that are in good condition and regularly checked.

We will look to share cost liabilities with the Partners wherever possible.

6 Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

Access must be provided for all Cattle Market users, including wheel chair users.
