

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER
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THE CONSTITUTION**



DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:	Strategic Director of Growth & Development
DELEGATED BY:	Executive (October 2024)
IN CONSULTATION WITH:	Executive Member
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Growth & Development

SUBJECT: Contract Award for the Maintenance of the Automatic Bollards in Blackburn Town Centre

1. DECISION

Approve the contract award of maintenance of the automatic bollards in Blackburn Town Centre to ESS Systems Ltd.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The automatic bollards within Blackburn Town Centre require an enhanced repair and maintenance programme to ensure they remain fit for purpose, including the need to manage unauthorised vehicle access during pedestrianised hours.

An independent access system company have assessed our bollard systems and advised that they are able to maintain and repair, which, in turn, will enable the Council to review and address wider Town Centre highway, parking and security management issues.

These works will also ensure the Council's bollard system can be maintained by any approved contractor. Repairing the current system is urgently needed to maintain Town Centre security and a safe environment for pedestrians.

It is anticipated that the works will be completed within 6 weeks of the contract being awarded.

3. BACKGROUND

The maintenance and repair of the automatic bollards is an urgent priority, and will form part of a wider highway, parking and security strategy for the Town Centre.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

The proposal is to reduce the current risks associated with the bollards needing repair and maintenance. Once the system is repaired and a maintenance regime in place the town centre will be safer for all users.

By appointing this contractor we will also ensure the Council's bollard system can be maintained by any approved contractor.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of this work is expected to £74,096 and will be funded by way of a virement from the Asset Management Strategy Fund in the Council's Capital Programme.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This contract will be subject to a waiver in accordance with Council's Contracts and Procurement Procedure rules.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no major resource implications as the work will be carried out by an approved contractor.

8. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option of the Council directly undertaking these proposed is not possible as we do not have the internal expertise to repair and maintain an automatic bollard system. Appointing a contractor in this way has given us independent advice and enabled us to repair the bollards, whilst undertaking further work on how to keep the town centre safe and secure longer term.

9. CONSULTATIONS

N/A

10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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DATE:	9 th October 2024
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	Town Centre Review Report
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