

Agenda Item 20

Quinquennial Inspections of Town Council Properties

Background

At the first Quinquennial Working Group meeting held in the Mayor's Parlour on 7 February 2017 it was recommended that the Town Council followed the advice of Mathew Knight in the report that the Town Council appoints a Structural Engineer to assess and monitor work of an undetermined but critical nature highlighted within that report.

The Tendering process was submitted via all the usual media channels as well as sending out six individual invites to tender to local companies and focussed on our three most at risk buildings; College House, the Town Hall and Northgate & Museum. Only the two quotes were returned as follows:

Company	College House	Northgate& Museum	Town Hall
Mark Dady Associates	£950.00	£1,360.00	£450.00
Thomas Consulting	£8,600.00	£1,600.00	£1,250.00

Outdoors and Properties Managers Comments

All interested parties were given a copy of specification and a conducted site tour by the Outdoors and Properties Manager. The very significant difference between the quote for the survey of College House is that Thomas Consulting opted to undertake two shallow hand dug trial holes prior to undertaking a further bore hole inspection. Whereas Mark Dady took a different view in that a visual inspection may highlight the problem and a bore hole inspection may not be necessary at all.

The Way Forward

The committee are respectfully asked to consider these quotations and recommend the way forward.