

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORT FOR COMMITTEE 29 SEPTEMBER 2009

### PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 WET FINISHING WORKS, TONE WORKS, MILVERTON ROAD, WELLINGTON

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Member endorsement of the Chair's authorisation, to serve an Urgent Works Notice, in respect of the above Listed Building.

#### 2.0 LEGISLATION

- 2.1 Section 54 of the Act, enables Local Authorities to execute works, which are considered urgently necessary for the preservation of a Listed Building.
- 2.2 Section 55 of the Act, enables the expenses incurred in executing the works to be recovered.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Wet Finishing Works is part of a group of buildings, north of the River Tone, Listed Grade II\*.
- 3.2 Particular concern over the deteriorating nature of the subject building has increased in the last year, mainly as a result of unauthorised access and theft, the latter largely being stripping of lead to roofs.
- 3.3 Whilst the owner has robustly blocked openings to negate unauthorised access, there remain issues in preventing further deterioration, particularly by ingress of water.
- 3.4 With Member and Strategic Director support and an 80% grant from English Heritage, the Chair authorised service of the Urgent Works Notice, which was issued on 15 September 2009. The subject works should commence on or about 23 September 2009, by the Councils appointed contractor.
- 3.5 It is important to note that, the owner has been fully cooperative in allowing access to carry out the required survey to enable the schedule of works to be prepared and this is much appreciated.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Members endorse the Chair's authorisation to serve an Urgent Works Notice in respect of The Wet Finishing Works, Tone Works, Milverton Road, Wellington.

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