

Report of Head of Development Management

Report to Chief Planning Officer

Date: 31st January 2018

Subject: – Waiver of Contract Procedure Rules – Orders over £10k.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Roundhay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to waive Contract Procedure Rules for orders over £10k, for the continued engagement of Mr Alun Alesbury of Cornerstone Barristers to continue to act as the Independent Inspector for the Public Inquiry into the Village Green application at Gledhow Fields.

2. Summary of main issues and background information

- 2.1 The Head of Development Management is seeking authority, as part of the work relating to the Gledhow Fields Village Green application Public Inquiry, to release funds to pay the Inspector's fees for his continued work. Mr Alesbury had been acting on this matter since June 2016; this waiver request relates to preparation, advice and attendance at the Public Inquiry from 23rd October to 12th December 2017.
- 2.2 The cost of the order amounts to £22,006.90 and therefore requires the Chief Planning Officer to waive Contract Procedure Rules relating to competition, for orders in excess of the amount of £10k.

3. Resources and value for money

- 3.1 The costs associated will be contained within current budgets as a result of increased income from planning fees. The Inspector had already been appointed as

the Inspector for the Inquiry and had previously been paid for time spent on advising the Council and preparing for the Inquiry.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Chief Planning Officer is requested to give approval to waive Contract Procedure Rules relating to orders over £10k, confirming the commissioning of Mr Alesbury to continue to act as Inspector for the Inquiry.