

**ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER – DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT
ATHERTON STREET BIRKENHEAD**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs Committee of the acceptance of a tender for the demolition of public conveniences at Atherton Street, Birkenhead.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At Cabinet on 16 June 2005 members resolved that the Atherton Street (Charing Cross) toilets should be demolished to facilitate the construction of a new supermarket and car park as part of Birkenhead Town Centre redevelopment.

2.2 Whilst the facilities remained accessible for a short period of time pending progress of the Birkenhead Town Centre Development Plan the premises have steadily deteriorated and were subsequently closed for public safety reasons in 2006 following partial collapse of the internal structure.

2.3 More recently the local community, supported by Members in Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward, have called for early demolition of the facilities as a result of concerns regarding anti social behaviour associated with, and in the immediate vicinity of, the vacant building.

2.4 The Director of Technical services was therefore asked to seek tenders for the demolition of the facility. Four tenders were received.

2.5 Details of the lowest tender received, which has been accepted under delegated powers in accordance with paragraph 14.4 of the contract procedure rules, are as follows:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Tender Total</u>
Technical Demolition Services Ltd Hamilton Square, Birkenhead	£11,500

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the demolition will be funded from the existing public conveniences budget and will be achieved within existing resources.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no staffing implications arising from the demolition of the building.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific ethnic minority or equal opportunities implications.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The local community, supported by Members in Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward, have called for early demolition of the facilities as a result of growing concerns regarding anti social behaviour associated with, and in the immediate vicinity of, the vacant building.

7.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Local Agenda 21 Implications

8.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no planning implications.

9.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no anti poverty implications

10.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The building is unlikely to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

11.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Atherton street is in Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward.

12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 There are no background papers.

13.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

13.1 There are no Information Act implications.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 Committee is asked to note that the tender submitted by Technical Demolition Services Ltd in the sum of £11,500 was the lowest and has been accepted under delegated powers in accordance with paragraph 14.4 of the contract procedure rules.

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