

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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Capital Spending Approval - Towneley Hall Climate Control System

PURPOSE

- To seek approval from the Executive to progress the replacement of the climate control system in the Art Gallery.

RECOMMENDATION

- The Executive is recommended to:
 - Approve the expenditure of £50,000 in the Capital Programme 2008/09.
 - Authorise Property Consultancy to obtain and accept suitable tenders to procure and install a replacement climate control system at Towneley Hall.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The council's financial regulations require that officers obtain authority of the Executive to spend capital money and to tender schemes where the value exceeds £50,000.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- The Council's capital programme includes provision of £50,000 for the replacement of the climate control system in the oil painting gallery. Details of the replacement are outlined below:

Costs

climate control equipment and installation	£45,000
Professional Fees	£ 5,000
Total	£50,000

Procurement –

The work will be tendered to a select list of specialist heating contractors who have already assessed the extent of the works required. The tenders will be evaluated on cost and suitability for a historic listed building.

Timetable-

The work will start in late September 2008 and be complete by November 2008. It is important that the climate control system is replaced before winter and before the major Flower Festival in December 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

5. Capital Provision
£50,000 is included in the Capital programme for this work in 2008/09.

Revenue implications

There may be a small efficiency saving in heating bills and a modest reduction in CO2 emissions resulting from installation of a more efficient system.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. File at Towneley Hall
Condition Reports
Barograph records for the gallery

FURTHER INFORMATION

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