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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Report Track:</b>	<b>Cabinet: 14/12/17</b>

**CABINET**  
**14 DECEMBER 2017**  
**HAWKS GREEN DEPOT - VEHICLE WORKSHOP REPLACEMENT ROOF**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SPEND**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to spend in relation to the Hawks Green Depot, Vehicle Workshop replacement roof and essential works funded from an allocation of £70,000 from the General Fund Capital Programme.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cabinet grants permission to spend £70,000 on a replacement roof and essential works on the Vehicle Workshop located at Hawks Green Depot.

**3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Council's Vehicle Workshop requires extensive essential building works to the roof and structure in order to make it fully safe and operational. The works are estimated to cost in the region of £65,000 to £70,000.

**4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:
- **Customers** – the Vehicle Workshop has an established internal and external customer base which includes the provision of a Public MOT Station and carries out statutory taxi testing on behalf of the Councils' Environmental Health Licencing Section.
  - **Cleaner & Safer Environments** – the Councils fleet of vehicles is well maintained and engineering works undertaken

- **More & Better Housing** – the Councils Maintenance Team Vehicles are well maintained ensuring that a responsive repairs service is delivered 24 hours per day 365 days per year.

**5 Report Detail**

5.1 The Council’s Vehicle Workshop Roof is in need of replacement, the cost of works is estimated to be in the region of £65,000 to £70,000 and there is sufficient budget available in the General Fund Capital Works Programme to undertake this work.

**6 Implications**

**6.1 Financial**

Budgetary provision of £500,000 exists within the Capital programme in relation to the Vehicle Workshop. Once these works are completed the balance of the scheme funding will be available to fund other capital programme works.

**6.2 Legal**

Full / Partial failure of the originally roofing system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full or partial failure of the original roofing system may have a significant impact upon health and safety of employees and members of the public and/or could cause damage to nearby property and/or Council/Private equipment/vehicles; resulting in serious litigation against the Council.</li> </ul>
DVSA Closure of MOT Facility due to crash deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DVSA have the right to withdraw the Council’s MOT Test Centre status due to the restrictions the scaffolding standards place on the official testing areas.</li> <li>• Loss of the Council’s MOT Test Centre status would have a significant impact upon the vehicle workshops financial position and the Council’s professional and public reputation.</li> </ul>

**6.3 Human Resources**

None.

**6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)**

None.

**6.5 Human Rights Act**

None.

**6.6 Data Protection**

None.

**6.7 Risk Management**

<p>Full Roof Collapse (causing injury and/or damage)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE legal action being taken against the Council and its Director/s</li> <li>• Civil action being taken against the Council by employees / members of the public</li> <li>• Loss of vehicle workshop facility – financial and service impact</li> <li>• Legal Compliance (Operators Licence)</li> <li>• Closure of the Council's MOT Test Station</li> </ul>
<p>Partial Roof Failure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water damaging fixed MOT testing equipment, plant and tools</li> <li>• Loss of part of the facility – entire bays / MOT testing facility</li> <li>• Loss of vehicle workshop facility – financial and service impact</li> <li>• Legal Compliance (Operators Licence)</li> </ul>

**6.8 Equality & Diversity**

None.

**6.9 Best Value**

None.

**7 Appendices to the Report**

None

**Previous Consideration**

None

**Background Papers**

None