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Summary

Questions have recently been raised by Members regarding the external appearance of Mansion House, specifically the condition and cleanliness of the stonework and external lighting. The City Surveyor has commissioned a survey to review these two key areas. This brief report explains next steps for this project.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report.

Background

1. The exterior stonework at Mansion House was last cleaned in 2001, the cyclical programme for these works as recommended by conservation experts is between c.35 – 40 years which means the next clean is not scheduled until c.2034 onwards

Current Position

2. Members have raised concerns about the grubbiness of the exterior of Mansion House and feel that to wait until 2034 for the next clean is too long and have requested the City Surveyor to review bringing the cleaning forward. At the same time, concerns have been raised that the exterior lighting does not show Mansion House in its full splendour; this will be reviewed as part of the same report.
3. Consequently, the City Surveyor has instructed a detailed survey, funded by the local risk maintenance budget to;
 - a. Understand the scope of the works
 - b. Create options with regard to the cleaning methodology and lighting solutions available
 - c. Consider the phasing of the works

4. The survey will review the exterior of the property and consider the following:
 - Condition of the roof and if repairs are required
 - Condition of the windows including the timber frames
 - Condition of the stonework and if repairs are required
 - Cleanliness of the stonework including removal of moss
5. In conjunction with the above, the City Surveyor will liaise with the Department of the Built Environment to ascertain if the Bank Junction works will impact on the cleaning project and consider whether there are any proposals to increase the public Highway lighting levels in the area in front of Mansion House.
6. The Lord Mayor and the Director of Mansion House will also be consulted on the project and when the works can be carried out to ensure minimal disruption for the occupants of the House.
7. A cost estimate will be formulated and a plan for completing the works will be drawn up, a gateway 1 – 4 report will then be created and presented to this Committee at the latest on the 14th September 2018 for consideration.

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