Report to Cabinet Item

18 December 2019

Report of Director of people and neighbourhoods

Procurement of a housing structural repairs contract at

Subject Gamewell Close and Boundary Road.

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KEY DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval to award a contract for housing structural repairs at Gamewell Close and Boundary Road.

Recommendations

To award the contract for housing structural repairs at Gamewell Close and Boundary Road to UK Gunite Ltd.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of great neighbourhoods, housing and environment.

Financial implications

The financial consequence of this report is the award of a contract for structural repairs and improvements with a tender cost of £277,298.23, the budget for which is included within the HRA Capital Programme.

Ward/s: Multiple Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Harris - Deputy leader and social housing

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Background documents

None

Report

Introduction

- 1. The council has a programme of structural repairs and improvements deemed necessary in order to ensure the housing stock remains in a good state of repair, and tenants have quality homes to live in. The contract covered in this report forms a part of this programme of works. A total of 36 flats will benefit from the repairs, situated in Gamewell Close and Boundary Road.
- 2. The scope of the contract includes repairs to concrete communal walkways, concrete repairs to stairs, deck membrane works, re-roofing of communal flat roof areas and brickwork repairs. The deck membranes protect the concrete walkways between flats from water ingress, which when this occurs causes rusting of the steel reinforcement and subsequent structural failure. Deck membranes are also to be applied to the existing staircases following completion of the concrete repairs and application of corrosion inhibitors.
- 3. These works will extend the life expectancy of the structural integrity of the communal landings and staircases by carrying out specialist concrete repairs that protect the concrete from further deterioration. These specialist systems come with warranties for materials and workmanship of 10 years for concrete repairs and 15 years for the waterproof anti-slip deck membrane systems.

Procurement Process

- 4. The opportunity was advertised on the council's e-procurement portal and Contracts Finder on 25 September 2019 with 24 expressions of interest received.
- 5. Suppliers were asked to submit details of their organisation in terms of finance, contractual matters, insurances, quality assurance, environmental standards, health and safety, equality and diversity credentials, references and previous experience. These aspects were evaluated to ensure that suppliers met the council's basic requirements.
- 6. At the same time, suppliers were asked to submit details in the form of method statements proposing how they would meet the requirement for the work package and the price that they would charge to carry out this work. These method statements were evaluated once it had been confirmed that the supplier had met the council's basic requirements.

Tender evaluation

- 7. Tenders were received from 6 contractors.
- 8. The tender process required suppliers to answer quality questions covering 5 topics:
 - Project timeline
 - Project delivery
 - Use and management of sub-contractors

- Company's resources and accreditations
- Managing temperature sensitive work

The responses given were evaluated against pre-determined criteria. This quality assessment carried a maximum of 60% of the marks. The lowest price was allocated 40% of the marks and marks were deducted, pro-rata, with each increasing tender price.

9. The supplier with the highest cumulative score was deemed the best value submission. The results of this are shown below.

	Price	Price	Quality	Total
Contractor	Price	score	score	score
1	£277,298.23	40	60	100
2	£284,717.32	38.93	60	98.93
3	£287,385.00	38.54	60	98.54
4	£325,904.04	32.99	60	92.99
5	£339,687.45	31.00	48.33	79.33
6	£389,158.70	23.86	60	83.86

- 10. The tender submitted by UK Gunite Ltd received the highest score and therefore represents the best value for money.
- 11. These works are subject to leaseholder consultation.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that the contract is awarded to UK Gunite Ltd for the sum of £277,298.23

Integrated impact assessment



The IIA should assess the impact of the recommendation being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with the completion of the assessment can be found here. Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete				
Committee:	Cabinet			
Committee date:	18 December 2019			
Director / Head of service	Lee Robson			
Report subject:	Procurement of a housing structural repairs contract			
Date assessed:	25 November 2019			
Description:	Structural repairs to flats at Gamewell Close and Boundary Road			

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				Open tendering ensures that best value is achieved.
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact				
ICT services				
Economic development				
Financial inclusion	\boxtimes			
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults				
S17 crime and disorder act 1998				
Human Rights Act 1998				
Health and well being				

		Impact		
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)				
Eliminating discrimination & harassment				
Advancing equality of opportunity				
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation				
Natural and built environment				The works will extend the life expectancy of the properties.
Waste minimisation & resource use				
Pollution				
Sustainable procurement				
Energy and climate change	\boxtimes			
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments

	Impact			
Risk management				There is a low risk that the appointed supplier could fail during the life of the contract. There is little risk to the council as it is not investing in the supplier. The risk is one of service continuity rather than financial which is further mitigated by the fact that the contract is planned in nature.
Recommendations from impact ass	essment			
Positive				
Negative				
Neutral				
Issues				