

Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 08 November 2017 Time: 17:00 Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

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Purpose - To approve the award of a contract for an external wall insulation programme to council properties.

Key decisions

A 'key decision' means a decision which is likely to either -

(a) result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or making savings which are, significant in relation to the council's total budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (for these purposes the presumption is that "significant" means any sum exceeding whichever is greater of the thresholds established by the European public contracts directive 2014/24/EC for local government in respect of contracts for supplies or services), or;

(b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the Norwich city area.

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Report to	Cabinet		
	08 November 2017	Supplementary	
Report of	Director of neighbourhoods	report	
Subject	Procurement of an external wall insulation programme to council properties		

KEY DECISION

Purpose

To approve the award of a contract for an external wall insulation programme to council properties.

Recommendation

To approve the award of the external wall insulation contract to Everwarm Ltd.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority a safe, clean and low carbon city.

Financial implications

£722,737.30 to be funded from the HRA Capital budget.

Ward/s: Mutiple Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Harris - Deputy leader and social housing

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

- 1. A large proportion of the council's housing stock was built over seventy years ago and is of solid wall construction which means that there can be significant heat loss through the walls. This heat loss can be reduced by installing insulation on to the outside of the walls which is why the council has a programme of installing external wall insulation (EWI) to its housing stock.
- 2. The reduction in heat loss means that tenants use less energy to heat their homes, hence they save money on their heating bills and reduce the carbon footprint of the property. EWI can reduce condensation, helping to prevent damp and mould growth. The acoustics of the building are improved, reducing road noise and the appearance of the property is upgraded, enhancing the street scene. This year's programme contains 58 properties in the Mile Cross and Lakenham Wards.

Procurement Process

- 3. The opportunity was advertised on the council's behalf by Eastern Procurement Ltd to the suppliers on their carbon emissions framework. Two tender submissions were received and evaluated by EPL. The quality of the suppliers work had been verified at the time of establishing the framework so the evaluation was based on price only.
- 4. The lowest tender was submitted by Everwarm Ltd. at a cost of £722,737.30.

Order process

- 5. An order for installing EWI to 12 properties has already been placed under delegated authority, to enable the contractor to complete the full programme before the end of March 2018. This will mean that more tenants will benefit from warmer homes earlier.
- 6. However, cabinet approval is required to award the full contract and following this an order will be placed for the remaining 46 properties.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that cabinet award the contract to Everwarm Ltd for the price of £722,737.30.

Integrated impact assessment



Report author to complete					
Committee:	Cabinet				
Committee date:	8 November 2017				
Director / Head of service	Lee Robson				
Report subject:	Award of contract for external wall insulation to housing properties				
Date assessed:	11/10/2017				
Description:	Installation of EWI to 58 houses				

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				The tender process ensures that the Council achieves the best value for money at that particular time.
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact				
ICT services				
Economic development				
Financial inclusion				
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		\square		EWI reduces condensation and damp in homes

		Impact		
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	\square			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	\square			
Advancing equality of opportunity		\square		Helps to reduce fuel poverty.
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Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	\square			
Natural and built environment		\square		Improves the quality of the property and enhances the street scene
Waste minimisation & resource use	\square			
Pollution	\square			
Sustainable procurement	\square			
Energy and climate change		\square		Makes homes more energy efficient, hence reduces energy consumption
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	Impact			
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management				1. There is a risk that the appointed supplier could fail during the duration of the contract. This is low risk due to the relatively short nature of the contract and the planned nature of the works. In addition to this the Council is not investing in the supplier and so the risk is one of service continuity rather than financial, which is further mitigated by the fact the work is planned not responsive in nature.

Recommendations from impact assessment					
Positive					
Negative					
Neutral					
Issues					