Report to Cabinet Item

18 December 2019

Report of Director of people and neighbourhoods

Subject To award a contract for the structural remedial works –

various properties

KEY DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval to award a contract for the structural remedial works – various properties.

Recommendations

To award a contract for structural remedial works at various properties to JB Specialist Refurbishments Limited.

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 £341,251.49, 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

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Report

Introduction

- The council has a programme of structural repairs and improvements deemed necessary 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 96 flats will benefit from the repairs, situated in Bowers Avenue, Junction Road, Old Palace Road and William Mear Gardens.
- 2. The scope of the contract includes concrete repairs to private balconies, deck membrane works and brickwork repairs. The private balconies are made of reinforced concrete, which has deteriorated. The deck membranes protect the concrete balconies between flats from water ingress, which causes rusting of the steel reinforcement and subsequent structural failure if not maintained.

These works will extend the life expectancy of the structural integrity of the balconies by carrying out specialist concrete repairs to prevent further deterioration of the concrete. 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

- 3. The opportunity was advertised on the council's e-procurement portal and Contracts Finder on 11 October 2019 with 17 expressions of interest received.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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

- 6. Tenders were received from six contractors.
- 7. The tender process required suppliers to answer quality questions covering five 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.

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

	Deice	Price	Quality	Total
Contractor	Price	score	score	score
1	£341,251.49	38.35	60	98.35
2	£389,120.40	32.51	56.67	89.18
3	£415,734.24	29.26	55	84.26
4	£327,758.37	40.00	25	65
5	£658,927.31	0.00	60	60
6	£645,133.49	1.27	56.67	57.93

- 9. The tender submitted by JB Specialist Refurbishments Limited received the highest score and therefore represents the best value for money.
- 10. These works are subject to leaseholder consultation.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the contract is awarded to JB Specialist Refurbishments Limited for the sum of £341,251.49

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	Bob Cronk
Report subject:	To award a contract for the structural remedial works – various properties
Date assessed:	25 November 2019
Description:	Structural repairs to flats at Bowers Avenue, Junction Road, Old Palace Road and William Mear Gardens.

	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					