

Central Bedfordshire Council

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Award of Contract – The Roof Replacement and Repairs Programme

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This report relates to a key decision

Purpose of this report

1. This report seeks approval to award the contract for the repairs, maintenance and roof replacement programme to the Council's housing stock.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

1. **approve the award of the most economically advantageous tender to Contractor B as set out in exempt Appendix A, for delivery of the repairs, maintenance and capital works programme to the Council's housing stock for roofing works.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This report does not need to be presented to the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the award of contracts is a matter for the Executive, the chair of Overview and Scrutiny has been made aware.

Issues

3. This report outlines the outcome of the tendering of the Roof Replacement and Repairs contract to the whole of the housing stock to be procured using the London Housing Consortium framework schedule of rates. The London Housing Consortium framework is OJEU compliant with specialist roofing contractors to deliver the service.

4. The Tenderer recommended for acceptance will enter the 2016 Joint Contract Tribunal Measured Term Contract for an initial term of three years extendable at the Council's sole discretion for a period of two years, giving a maximum total term of five years.
5. The value of the works and services to be delivered is expected to be between £0.55M and £0.6M per annum with a maximum value over the whole five years of up to £3M. All costs quoted exclude Value Added Tax.
6. The Contract will govern the issue of orders for all roofing works and services in accordance with the Council's agreed budgets, planned programmes and stock condition.
7. The report recommends Contractor B are appointed to the Measured Term Contract with effect from the 1st May 2019.
8. The works and services required are in relation to the delivery of roofing repairs, maintenance and planned investment works to the Council's residential housing stock.
9. Specifically, the contractor will compete the following activities:
 - a. Responsive roofing repairs and maintenance
 - b. Planned capital investment roof refurbishment and renewals.
10. The Contractor will be required to offer realistic, sustainable employment and skills development opportunities to disadvantaged people in Central Bedfordshire. Working in partnership with the Council, the Contractor shall identify a range of initiatives for employment, apprenticeships and skills opportunities which people in the Central Bedfordshire can access and benefit from.

Reasons for decision

11. Full details of the scores awarded to each Tenderer are set out in exempt Appendix A. Contractor B was awarded the highest overall score and are therefore recommended for acceptance.
12. It is evident the competence and approach demonstrated by Contractor B are the closest match to the Council's requirements. They have demonstrated the technical ability and alliancing approach necessary to deliver the programme and submitted a competitive tender.

Council Priorities

The actions support the Council priorities by:

- Enhancing Central Bedfordshire – Improving the quality of council owned accommodation within the Central Bedfordshire area.
- Great resident services - Deliver a quality service to our customers where expectations are managed correctly, and the service is delivered.
- Improving education and skills - Create careers, employment and training opportunities through contract procurement and apprenticeship programmes.
- Creating stronger communities - Through procurement support local business, labour and training.
- A more efficient and responsive Council. - Raise performance and customer satisfaction whilst keeping costs down.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

13. As it is proposed to call-off from a framework, providing the framework has not expired the proposed contact award appears in order. The procurement appears to have been run correctly.

Financial and Risk Implications

14. The anticipated value of the contract is £550,000 - £600,000 per annum.
15. The budget for roof replacement and maintenance to housing properties is Housing Revenue Account (HRA) funded and is £577,000 in 2019/20. The funding has been included in the HRA Business Plan and is reviewed annually.
16. If the contract is awarded to Contractor B as proposed, expenditure will be contained within the allocated revenue budgets.
17. The awarding of the contract will mitigate the risks of failing to discharge responsibilities to maintain housing properties to an appropriate standard, failing to support the Council's priorities and failing to deliver value for money.

Equalities Implications

18. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. As part of the tender process, contractors have been screened for compliance with equality legislation. The successful contractor will help promote equality of opportunity by offering employment and skills development opportunities to disadvantaged people in Central Bedfordshire.

Conclusion and next Steps

19. Following a comprehensive and robust assessment of all the tendered submissions, it is recommended Contractor B are appointed to the Joint Contract Tribunal Measured Term Contract as the Council's Roof Replacement and Maintenance Works Provider.
20. Officers consider the offer to be realistic and that the Contractor will be able to provide the required level of service at their tendered price. The evaluation panel recommends the tender from Contractor B is accepted.
21. Formal award of contract is expected to conclude in mid-April 2019 at which point the mobilisation phase begins that will allow the programme to begin from 1st May 2019 as planned. The Contract start will be dated 1st May 2019 accordingly.

Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of tender evaluation - Exempt

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Background Papers

None

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