

OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker: Assistant Director of Housing

Service Area: Property & Place

Title of Decision: To award a contract for Fire Safety Improvement Works to be carried out at 12 blocks of council owned flats on Northend, Hemel Hempstead

Decision made and reasons:

Decision: To award a contract to Apest Arvag to carry out Fire Safety Works at 12 blocks of flats on Northend. These buildings are three storeys high and accommodate six dwellings each.

Reason: In line with our Fire Safety Policy, the council carry out Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs) to our council owned blocks of flats. These FRAs identify required works such as defective doors, compartmentalisation, fire detection and emergency lighting. These works prevent the spread of fire and protect escape routes.

The FRA's for these blocks of flats have identified a number of risks. These risks have been captured in a schedule of works that will be addressed as part of this contract.

The following Portfolio Holder Decision was approved and published in September 2020 – "Delegation to award contracts and suspension of the Council's Standing Orders for fire safety works". In line with this decision, the Council undertook a tender exercise to achieve value for money. After evaluation of the three quotes submitted it is recommended the contract is awarded to the lowest tender:

Apest Arvag – tender value £432,690.72

Apest Arvag has previously successfully completed fire safety works on our properties and have demonstrated value for money via the tendering process.

Reports considered:

PH-016-19 – Delegation to award contracts and suspension of the Council's Standing Orders for fire safety works
Fire Safety Policy

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Assistant Director of Housing
Mechanical and Electrical Team Leader, Property & Place
Compliance Lead Surveyor, Property & Place
Group Manager, Property & Place

Financial Comments:

There is sufficient budget within DBC commissioned capital works programme to cover the above award.

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Accountant (Housing)

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Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

The proposed award of contract follows a procurement process which was compliant with the Council's procurement standing orders.

Officers should ensure that an appropriate signed contract is in place prior to commencement of the works.

Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

The cost of the proposed contract is within the approved budget levels for these works.

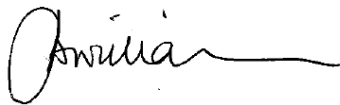
Implications:

Value for Money: By completing our own tender exercise, the Council has been able to test the market. Our supply chain are approved contractors with experience of working on our buildings who can demonstrate quality and compliance in their work. The conclusion of the value for money exercise is to award the work to Apest Arvag based on cost and quality.

Financial: The cost to complete these works will be approximately £430k.

Risk: If the contract is not awarded then we will have non-compliant buildings and outstanding actions identified in an FRA. Following the events at the Grenfell Tower in June 2017 and in line with our own Fire Safety Policy, it is essential that the Council ensure our properties comply with building regulations and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Officer Signature:



Date: 06.01.2020