

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 Works to be carried out at Betty Patterson House

Decision made and reasons:

Decision: To award a contract to the Wates Living Space to carry out Fire Safety Works at Betty Patterson House. This is a priority one Supported Housing scheme made up of 30 flats.

Reason: In line with the 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 for this building, which was completed in February 2021, 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 Council has utilised the Fusion 21 Framework Agreement to appoint the Wates to carry out the works. Wates are the number one contractor and have gone through a rigorous process to achieve top position on the framework. A direct award to Wates is deemed the best route to ensure the works are carried out as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Reports considered:

PH-014-20-Delegation to award contracts and suspension of the Council's Standing Orders for fire safety works at Council owned blocks of flats
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:

The current approved DBC commissioned budget allows for sufficient budget to award this contract.

Lucy Tash
Accountant (Housing)

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Officers should ensure than an appropriate service/works contract is in place prior to

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commencement of the works.

Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

The award of this contract will be funded from existing approved budgets.

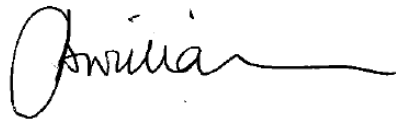
Implications:

Value for Money: Wates Living Space were appointed to the Fusion 21 Framework Agreement. Wates went through a robust tender process, based on price and quality, to be appointed to the Framework Agreement and were the number one contractor for fire safety works.

Financial: It is estimated that the cost to complete these works will be approximately £350k.

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: 04.08.2021