

CABINET – 9TH MAY 2024

Report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing Lead Member: Councillor Colin Hamilton

Part A

PROCUREMENT OF A CONTRACTOR TO DELIVER FLOOD DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT WORKS

Purpose of Report

To seek Cabinet approval to procure a contractor to undertake reinstatement works following flood damage.

The value of the contract is estimated at over £500k therefore under the Council's procurement rules a report to Cabinet is necessary.

Recommendations

That the Director of Housing and Wellbeing be authorised to commence a procurement exercise, identify a suitable framework, and subsequently award a contract for the delivery of flood damage reinstatement works for a period of up to eighteen months.

Reasons

To repair flood damaged properties.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Implementation of the recommendation will provide capacity to repair flood damaged properties fulfilling the Council's repairing obligations, enabling tenants to move back in to their homes following flooding, and supporting compliance with the Safety and Quality Standard set by the Regulator of Social Housing.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

Subject to Cabinet approval, procurement will take place in Quarter 1 of 2024. Works are expected to be completed this financial year.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

The estimated value of the Contract is £1 million. Provision has been made in the Council's capital budgets for the work, and the expenditure is expected to be recovered through the Council's insurers.

Sustainability

The housing needs of the community will be met.

Risk Management

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Failure to follow the Council's Procedures leading to a breach of procurement legislation and not obtaining best value.	2 Unlikely	3 Significant	6 Moderate	Procurement via framework. Procurement advice obtained through STAR.
Insufficient internal resources to manage the resulting contract leading to the expected benefits not being realised and loss of income.	2 Unlikely	3 Significant	6 Moderate	Gateley Vinden (an external firm) has been appointed to project manage the works.

Key Decision:

Yes

Background Papers:

Cabinet, Thursday 7th March 2024, Housing Capital Programme

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Part B

Background

In early January 2024, thirty-seven of the Council's properties were flooded. The estimated value of the works to reinstate these properties after a hard strip out and drying is around £1 million. Work is expected to include plastering, flooring, replacement of skirting boards, and kitchen units. The expenditure is expected to be covered by the Council's insurers.

It is expected that procurement will be via framework. Depending on the framework rules a direct award to an appropriate supplier may be made, or alternatively a further mini-competition may be undertaken to refine pricing and / or quality statements.

The advantages of framework procurement are as follows:

- Compliance with procurement legislation - framework providers go out to the market, conducting legally compliant procurement processes on behalf of their members.
- Economies of scale - through the framework buying power.
- Speed - a contract can be put in place within an appropriate timescale
- Contract management support - the Council will benefit from the framework's established contract and supply chain management processes.