

**Bolsover District Council**

**Executive**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**External Wall Insulation Tender**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and IT**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To confirm approval and obtain authority for Property & Estates to appoint the contractor Sustainable Building Services through the Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) framework within existing budgets.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 A batch of 56 properties was identified by Housing that require external insulation works. A successful contract had been tendered through the Efficiency East Midlands framework in 2015 resulting in 31 properties in Whitwell and Creswell being upgraded (see attached report from January 2015) and therefore EEM were contacted about the possibilities of taking this contract forward.
- 1.2 EEM confirmed that the framework has been set up to allow a direct award by any of their members to any contractor registered. Given the past performance by Sustainable Building Services and the result of the mini competition that had been run in 2015 it was desirable to approach them to work on this next phase of properties. In doing this we are able to use similar rates that were beneficial on the previous contract and work with a contractor who has performed well and produced quality work. This also significantly cuts down the timescales of a traditional tender and allows work to start almost immediately.
- 1.3 Attached to the report are the costs for the works on the 56 properties amounting to £461,529.13. These have been surveyed and the costs also allow for scaffold which is being provided for the properties that are to have roofing works carried out as well, therefore saving some scaffold costs over the two elements of work because the scaffold is only erected once. The works are to be completed over a period of approximately 15 weeks.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 In consideration of the above this report is asking that on the successful outcome of the previous contract Property & Estates appoint Sustainable Building Services through the EWI/IWI Solid Wall Insulation (EEM0046) framework.

### **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 Consultation has taken place on the proposals outlined in this report with the Deputy Leader and relevant elected members.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 The only other option would be to carry out another tender exercise without using the EEM framework this time. However this would not be considered as realistic option due to the feedback that was received previously (outlined in the attached report from 2015) that a small number of properties to work on is not an attractive option to contractors on the open market. This would also delay the project start by at least a couple of months whilst another tender exercise is carried out whereas currently we are in a position to start almost immediately using the EEM framework.

### **5 Implications**

The implications are that the contractor is appointed to enable work to start on the project almost immediately.

#### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

To spend the budget allocated by Housing.

#### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

The contract is to be arranged for the contractor to sign.

#### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

N/A

### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 To confirm that Property & Estates can appoint Sustainable Building Services to carry out the EWI works within existing budgets.

### **7 Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	Clowne & Bolsover
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Growth Strategy

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
<p><b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p>Executive report from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Preliminary Costs.</p>	
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