

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Executive on Monday 11th July 2022

Phase 2 External Wall Insulation – Direct Award through EEM Framework

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To seek approval for the award of the contract for installation of External Wall Insulation to Council properties for Bolsover District Council.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Following the successful completion of 1st phase of part funded EWI installation works (**LAD 1B**), further dwellings were identified which would qualify for Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (**LAD 2**). This scheme aims to raise the energy efficiency of low-income and low EPC rated homes.
- 1.2 Working in conjunction with the Housing Team, the Home Improvement Coordinator was successful in bidding for another £410,000 of funding for up to 82 properties.
- 1.3 There is a requirement that the Council matches the funding received.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Efficiency East Midlands have a Framework for regional provision of External Wall Insulation which ensured that Bolsover District Council benefited from access to accredited contractors who have already been through competitive tender and quality assessment processes.

2.2 Working closely with Procurement team, to ensure full compliance with Council procedures, it is proposed that a direct award to deliver this work be made through the EEM framework to Sustainable Building Services (SBS). There is an urgent need to appoint an installer due to the short time scales to spend the grant funding by the funding deadline and the continued resource shortage of accredited installers.

2.3 The Contract Value is £1,312,806.48

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To allow smooth transition to next phase of works, minimising potential delays as external funding requirements include tight deadlines for completion.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Full competitive tender carried out by Bolsover District Council or mini competition within Framework. Rejected because of extremely tight period to complete works and necessity to secure a certified and competent contractor and resources ahead of other authorities who are also looking to complete within same time frame.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Members agree to award the Contract, within the Framework, to Sustainable Building Services.
2. That progress on this contract is reported through the Housing Stock Management Group.

Approved by Councillor Sandra Peake, Portfolio Holder for Housing

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

The cost for this contract is within existing HRA budgets for External Wall Insulation works, in the already approved Capital Programme.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The procurement of these works has been undertaken in compliance of standard council procedures. Industry standard contract documentation will be prepared for both parties to sign prior to commencement of works. The issue of sensitive data such as names, addresses and contact numbers of council tenants while undertaking this project shall comply in full with council and data protection policy guidelines.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

The works will result in no direct staffing implications.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	Yes
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes

District Wards Significantly Affected	Ault Hucknall, Barlborough, Bolsover East and South, Clowne East, Elmton with Creswell, Tibshelf, Whitwell.
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Ward Members

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

The works are linked directly with the aim that all tenants have equal access to decent homes, and also with ambitions for Carbon Reduction.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title

Background Papers

(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).