

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Executive on Monday 11th July 2022

To Provide an Air Source Heat System to Council Properties at Whaley Common

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

Following a procurement exercise we would like to seek approval to appoint Aaron Services to provide an air source heat system and insulation options to a number of properties at Whaley Common. The project will include surveying, designing and providing a specification and installation of air source heating with associated works to a number of council properties. Providing the latest industry advice on current air source systems, insulation requirements, future maintenance and best practice.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Whaley Common is a remote estate outside of Langwith in rural Bolsover District. The council properties are 10 x traditional built 2 bed houses with the cavity wall and lofts done to modern standards (270mm-300mm). The dwellings are heated by a wet electric system and this would be replaced with a greener/ more efficient system that is fit for purpose and sustainable. There is no possibility of installing a gas main and therefore rules out the installation of a traditional gas combi boiler.
- 1.2 The Council have received a number of complaints regarding the cost of energy. In particular those who currently have electric boilers. One particular tenant is in large fuel debt in the region of £5,000 pounds. BDC

feel that an air source heat pump will offer more affordable and sustainable heating for these properties.

1.3 Final Evaluation scores from the Tender

- Aaron Services **93%**
- Contractor 2 **73.83%**

1.4 The contract has no fixed term it is a one off project.

1.5 The contract has been priced and the cost of works are within budget

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 To award the contract of works to Aaron Services who are experienced in renewable forms of heating with a view to install and maintain these types of systems in our council properties.

2.2 The incumbent contractor will provide industry knowledge and also write a specification of works including recommendations of products and suppliers to best suit our properties and tenants

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The rising energy bills are putting families at risk of fuel poverty through the use of Electric boilers. Elsewhere in the district we have replaced these unless refused by the existing tenant.

3.2 Following a tender exercise with Procurement 2 prices were submitted to BDC to evaluate. An evaluation took place and Aaron Services were the preferred bidder based on their experience with other local authorities carrying out similar works to their properties and costs.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 To leave the existing electric heating system in place and not invest in the required insulation and sustainable heating system was rejected as we can't ignore the current trends in energy costs or BDC's commitment to carbon reduction.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

To appoint Aaron services to undertake the programme of works.

Approved by Councillor Sandra Peake, Portfolio Holder for Housing

IMPLICATIONS:**Finance and Risk:** Yes ☒ No ☐**Details:**

The project will be funded from the HRA capital scheme which is included in the already approved capital programme

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☒ No ☐**Details:**

Procurement exercise undertaken.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒**Details:**

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"/> <i><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	Whaley Common
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Councillor Sandra Peake, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

This will impact on all 3 of the Council's ambitions. Customer, Economy and Environment.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

Background Papers
<i>(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).</i>