

MINUTES OF MEETING Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Tuesday, 29th August, 2023, 10.30 - 10.45 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sarah Williams

ALSO ATTENDING: Jack Goulde (Senior Housing Project Manager) and Felicity Foley (Committees Manager)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VOIDS WORKS ON RECENTLY ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

The Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning introduced the report and advised that the Council remained committed to delivering the new era of Council homes that Haringey's communities needed. She added that the list at appendix 1 of the report set out the properties requiring Voids Works, and the specification at appendix 2 of the report identified the works required to each of the properties. The works were necessary to ensure that properties would be immediately available for letting.

The report sought approval to deliver Voids Works to the properties shown on the List at Appendix 1 of the report in order to bring these properties up to the approved Specification shown at Appendix 2.

In response to questions from the Cabinet Member it was noted that:

- The contract had been tendered at a fixed price.
- The winning contractor was well known to the Council and had achieved the best scores in terms of quality.

The Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning RESOLVED to:

1. Approve pursuant to the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO) 9.07.01d, and CSP 16.02, the appointment of Bidder A (named in the exempt part of the report) to undertake building works as set out in Appendix 2 to the properties set out in Appendix 1 for a total contract sum as set out in the exempt part of this report and within a three month period following the start of Works.

Reasons for decisions

The Council requires the Works set out in Appendix 2 to be completed to all of its properties in order that they can be let.

Following a formal procurement process, a contractor has been identified to undertake these works.

Alternative options considered

It would be possible not to appoint a contractor to complete these Works. However, this option was rejected as it does not support the Council's commitment to deliver affordable Council Homes and would perpetuate the void letting situation that currently persists.

This contract was procured via a competitive tender through the LCP major works framework Lot 1.1B and HPCS for mini competition, using a standard, fixed price, JCT Contract with Contractor's design. This is the recommended route for a contract of this value. An alternative option would have been to do a direct appointment, but this option was rejected due to the estimated contract value of the scheme and to give opportunities for local small to medium size contractors to submit a tender.

7. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public for the consideration of item 9 as it contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

9. EXEMPT - AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VOIDS WORKS ON RECENTLY ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

The Cabinet Member considered the exempt information.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date