

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2016, 3.30 - 4.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Alan Strickland (Chair)

19. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair drew attention to the notice regarding filming at meetings on the agenda.

20. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22. MECHANICAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS PHASE 1 (2016/17)

The Cabinet Member noted the report, which sought his approval for the award of contract to Purdy Contracts Limited for the refurbishment and upgrading of the centralised mechanical ventilation services to six tower blocks listed in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the award of contract to Purdy Contracts Limited for the refurbishment and upgrading of the centralised mechanical ventilation services for the sum of £948,907 (rounded up) and contract period of 28 weeks.
2. To approve the total professional fees of £89,388, which represents 9.42% of the contract sum. That the total project cost of £1,038,295 be noted.
3. To authorise Haringey's Legal Department to issue a letter of Intent up to and not exceeding £94,890, being 10% of the contract sum as allowed under the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

Reasons for decision

Approval of the successful competitive tender scheme is required to allow the contract to be awarded and the planned refurbishment and upgrading of the centralised mechanical ventilation services work to be ordered.

The new system will protect residents within their properties in the event of a fire, as smoke will be detected as it is drawn into the vicinity of the extract grille by the negative pressure in the or bathroom or toilet. The air flow valve will shut down isolating the remainder of the riser within 5 seconds and an audible alarm will be activated.

The current systems do not perform to the requirements of the Building Regulations Part F1. An historic combination of double glazing and draughtproofing and the deteriorated condition of the roof fans and ducts has caused a critical reduction of the ventilation rates to dwellings and this could lead to a consequential increase in dampness-related repairs. Restoring the ventilation schemes to beyond their original design performance will greatly reduce these issues and lead to reduced repair costs over the life of the system.

The new system will be a smart, digital solution that has smart air terminals that have Bluetooth technology embedded which enables each terminal to be interrogated, cycle tested and validated as fully functional without access to the property itself and in real time. Further, data from the air terminal can be downloaded via this wireless link to detect instances in which the terminals alarm functions have been activated, the status of the standby battery and whether the device has been disconnected from the mains supply. All of this data is date and time stamped to aid analysis and compliance checking.

Alternative options considered

The alternative option to repair the existing system which could result in ongoing maintenance issues and not addressing the potential fire risk.

23. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

24. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the items below contained exempt information, as defined under paragraph 3, Part 1, schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

25. MECHANICAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS PHASE 1 (2016/17)

The Cabinet Member noted the exempt section of the report.

26. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR: Councillor Alan Strickland

Signed by Chair

Date