

Agenda item:

[No.]

Cabinet Procurement Committee

On 16th December 2010

Report Title: **Disabled Adaptations Framework Agreement extension**

Report of: **Mun Thong Phung, Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services**

Signed:

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Key**

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

- 1.1. To seek Cabinet Procurement Committee approval to extend the Disabled Adaptations Framework Agreement with the existing contractors for a period of 1 year.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1. The Council established a Framework Agreement for the provision of disabled adaptations which came into effect on 23rd January 2009.
- 2.2. The Framework Agreement was awarded for a period of two years with the option to extend for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance of the contractors.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1. ACCS Council Plan Priorities are:
- Encouraging lifetime well-being at home, work, play and learning;
 - Promoting Independent living while supporting adults and children in need;
- and

- Delivering excellent customer focused cost effective services.

Full Council Plan Priorities can be found on the left hand side of the page at <http://harinet.haringey.gov.uk/index.htm>.

- 3.2. The provision of major adaptations to the residents of Haringey links with the above Council's Plan Priorities.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. In accordance with CSOs 11.03 and 13.02, that the Disabled Adaptations Framework Agreements with Effectable Construction Services Limited and Mullaley and Company Limited be extended for a period of 1 year with an estimated total value of £3 million.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

- 5.1. Before the Framework Agreement was established individual tenders were required for each project which resulted in unavoidable delays and increased the time taken to installation.
- 5.2. This Framework Agreement provides major adaptations to council and non council properties.
- 5.3. The extension of the existing Framework Agreement will ensure the residents of Haringey continue to receive a seamless adaptation service in a timely fashion.

6. Other options considered

- 6.1. N/A

7. Summary

- 7.1. The Disabled Adaptations Framework Agreement was awarded in January 2009 for a period of 2 years, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years subject to satisfactory performance. The current Framework Agreement expires on 22nd January 2011.
- 7.2. The Framework Agreement has significantly reduced the time taken from referral to occupational therapy services to the provision of a major adaptation (end to end process), enhancing the service provided for the residents of Haringey living in council and non council properties.
- 7.3. The performance of the contractor has been satisfactory throughout the initial term of the Framework Agreement.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 8.1. This report request an extension to the current framework agreement with 2 providers. There is no minimum contract value implied within this framework agreement and work is only commissioned up to the value of the capital allocation for disabled adaptations (both to Council and private properties).
- 8.2. Whilst the current schedule of rates is deemed to provide good value for money the service should strive to negotiate further efficiencies where possible.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 9.1. The Framework Agreement to which the report relates was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.
- 9.2. As stated in paragraph 7.1 above, the Framework Agreement contains a provision for extension for up to 2 years.
- 9.3. The value of the extension proposed within this report exceeds £250,000 and, as a consequence, it may only be approved by the Cabinet Procurement Committee in accordance with CSO 13.02.
- 9.4. The Head of Legal Services sees no legal reasons preventing Members from approving the recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report.

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

- 10.1. The Framework Agreement allows extensions of up to 2 years and this report to Members is seeking to exercise the option for an initial extension period of 1 year.
- 10.2. Contractor performance is closely monitored and the remaining 2 contractors on the Framework Agreement continue to meet Council expectations.
- 10.3. An extension to the Framework Agreement would be in the Council's overall best interest and benefiting local residents in need of the related services.

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

- 11.1. The framework agreement will benefit all wards within the Borough.

12. Consultation

- 12.1. No consultation was required

13. Service Financial Comments

- 13.1. This report request an extension to the current framework agreement with 2 providers. Work is only commissioned up to the value of the capital allocation for disabled adaptations (both to Council and private properties). There are therefore no further financial implications from the extension of the contracts.

13.2. Efficiencies
N/A.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1. N/A

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1. Disabled Adaptations are provided under the following legislation: Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, Circular 17/96 Annex I, NHS & Community Care Act 1990, Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995, Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000, Children Act 1989, Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Local authorities discretionary powers to provide financial assistance for housing adaptations.