

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities and Housing Committee

approval noting

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Approval to Commence Procurement

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to commence new procurement exercises for the Lead Mains Replacement programme, Low Rise Electrical replacement work and for approval to utilise the call off mechanism using the Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA) framework.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities and Housing Committee:

1. Approve the commencement of new procurement exercises.
2. Approve the use of the SPA framework for future contract awards (call of procedures).

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities

Ambition statement (14) Ensure the highest standards of public protection

1. Background

1.1 Lead Mains

A five year lead mains replacement contract was approved at committee in November 2018 with a maximum spend of £3,000,000. This programme has been accelerated in the past 12 months and we anticipate reaching full spend early next year. Due to the procurement activities involved it is necessary to commence the procurement now in order to enable a seamless transition in delivery of the 2020/2021 replacement programme.

1.2 Low Rise Electrical Replacement Works

It has been identified we will require to procure contracts to carrying out surveys and electrical works to common areas within the low rise housing stock and general electrical works to our housing stock. This programme will cover a number of years with the first phase anticipated to be circa 4 years.

1.3 SPA Framework Call Off Approval

It was noted to Policy and Resources committee on 21/06/2017 that Third Party Frameworks such as SPA may provide the Council benefits including accelerated routes to market, avoidance of duplication in the procurement process, wider economies of scale and access to additional suppliers with proven track records in the provision of professional services and delivery of works.

Noted at the same committee we would seek approval to commence procurement activity before using the said SPA framework.

General Contract Standing Orders require that the prior approval of the appropriate Committee is required.

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2.1 Lead Mains

- It is proposed that the Lead Mains Replacement contract is procured to realign with future contracts as required, allowing a seamless transition in delivery, providing efficiencies by reducing further tender exercises.
- It is proposed that the procurement vehicle be secured via the Official Journal of the European Union.
- It is proposed that an additional term contract be put in place to ensure the delivery of the 2020/2021 HRA capital programme.

2.2 Low Rise Electrical Replacement Works

- It is proposed that a contract for Low Rise Electrical Replacement Works is procured to realign with future contracts allowing a seamless transition in delivery and provide efficiencies by reducing further tender exercises for a short period of time.
- It is proposed that the procurement vehicle be secured via the Official Journal of the European Union.

- It is proposed that additional term contracts be put in place to ensure the delivery of the 2020/2021 HRA capital programme.

2.3 SPA Framework Call Off Approval

- It is proposed that the use of the SPA Framework (various lots including: Fire Safety Frameworks; Fire Consultancy & Risk Assessor, Passive Fire Protection and Consultancy Work stream 1) is approved to allow call offs to be utilised. These frameworks will enable procurement activities to align with future contracts ensuring a seamless transition in delivery and provide efficiencies by reducing further tender exercises for a short period of time.
 - It is proposed that the framework is used to assist with the delivery of the fire detection compliance programme as required aligning with the February 2021 deadline as reported to committee on 22/05/2019.
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3. Equality and Diversity

3.1 Fairer Scotland Duty

These contracts will work towards improving outcomes for people and communities by assisting the Council to reduce inequalities of outcomes caused by socio-economic disadvantage.

3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

The Council will continue to carry out Equality impact assessments to determine if policies, practices, decisions, functions and strategies identify any negative impact on any particular group covered by the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Impact

The cost of the work is contained within the HRA capital budget.

4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

There are no HR/Policy/Legislative impacts linked to this report.

4.3 Environmental Impact

There are no sustainability impacts directly arising as a result of this report.

4.4 Risk Impact

Risk impact will be minimised and managed by ensuring the appropriate contracts are in place when required.

5. Measures of success

- 5.1 Contracts are in place to support the delivery of Council and Service priorities.
 - 5.2 Appointment of contractors who have suitable experience and capability to deliver the required supplies, services and works.
 - 5.3 Contracts procured by the Council are compliant with GCSOs and procurement legislation.
 - 5.4 Best Value can be demonstrated.
 - 5.5 Safe, improved and sustainable properties within the boundaries within North Lanarkshire are provided.
 - 5.6 Properties within North Lanarkshire meet or exceed the current standards both now and for the life of the properties.
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