

Motherwell, 25 November 2020 at 10 am.

A Remote Meeting of the **HOUSING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor O'Rourke, Vice-Convener; Councillors Burgess, Burrows, M. Coyle, S. Coyle, Di Mascio, Docherty, Douglas, Fotheringham, Gallacher, Gourlay, Hogg, Jones, Lennon, Logue, McLaren, McNally, McVey and Weir.

CHAIR

Councillor O'Rourke (Vice-Convener) presided.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A) Councillors Fisher, McCulloch, Castles and Magowan attended as substitutes for Councillor Duffy, Kelly, Graham, and Stocks respectively.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Housing, Property and Projects; Head of Housing Solutions; Head of Planning and Regeneration; Business Finance Manager (Resource Solutions); Housing Development Manager, and Committee Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beveridge, Currie, Duffy, Graham, Kelly, Kerr, McNeil, Stocks and Stubbs.

It was noted that a number of Members were not present due to connectivity issues.

Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor McVey, moved that the meeting be adjourned until 10.30 am.

Councillor Gallacher, seconded by Councillor Douglas, moved as an amendment, that the meeting proceed.

Thereon, in terms of Standing Order 39, the vote was taken by calling the roll.

On the roll being called:-

18 Members voted for the motion, as follows:-

Councillors Burrows, Castles, Di Mascio, Docherty, Fisher, Fotheringham, Gourlay, Hogg, Jones, Lennon, Logue, Magowan, McCulloch, McLaren, McNally, McVey, O'Rourke and Weir.

5 Members voted in favour of the amendment, as follows:-

Councillors Burgess, M Coyle, S Coyle, Douglas and Gallacher.

18 Members having voted for the motion and 5 Members having voted for the amendment, the motion was accordingly declared carried that the meeting was adjourned until 10.30 am.

The meeting re-convened at 10.30 am.

There being present:-

Councillors Brannan-McVey, Convener, Burgess, Burrows, Castles, M Coyle, S Coyle, Di Mascio, Docherty, Doolan, Douglas, Fisher, Fotheringham, Gallacher, Goldie, Gourlay, Hogg, Jones, Lennon, Linden, Logue, Magowan, MacGregor, McCulloch, McLaren, McManus, McNally, McVey, Morgan, O'Rourke, Pettigrew, Roarty, Shevlin, Alan Valentine, Annette Valentine and Weir.

CHAIR

Councillor Brannan-McVey (Convener) presided.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A) Councillors Fisher, McCulloch, Castles, Magowan and T. Johnston attended as substitutes for Councillors Duffy, Kelly, Graham, Stocks and Stubbs respectively.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener (1) thanked Members present for their patience, and (2) placed on record her thanks for the outstanding work that all parts of the Service continued to provide during the ongoing pandemic.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor O'Rourke, by virtue of his membership on the Board of Mears Ltd, declared an interest in paragraph 2, and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Linden, by virtue of a Service User being known to him, declared an interest in paragraph 7, and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor O'Rourke, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of his membership on the Board of Mears Limited, took no part in the consideration thereof.

MEARS LLP: OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR 31 DECEMBER 2019 AND Q2 MONITORING AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 February 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing, Property and Projects (1) outlining Mears LLP's (a) operational and financial performance against its business objectives and service delivery contracts; (b) the financial performance for financial years 2019 and 2020, and (c) Quarter 2 monitoring as at 30 June 2020; (2) highlighting within the report, and the Appendices, details of the Performance Indicators; Housing, Property and Projects, and Corporate Property and Projects Performance, together with a comparison of figures from the previous years, and (3) advising that the customer satisfaction level was 96.42% in the year-to-date, in comparison to the 2019/20 return to the Scottish Housing Regulator – when 97% of tenants were satisfied with the Repairs Service, with the 2019/20 Scottish average for Local Authorities having been 91.3%.

Decided:

- (1) that the operational and financial performance of Mears LLP for the year ending 31 December 2019, and Quarter 2 Monitoring as at 30 June 2020, be noted, and

- (2) that it be noted a six monthly report confirming that the governance and risk management arrangements were suitably robust within each ALEO would be submitted to the Audit and Scrutiny Panel.

SALTIRE PERFORMANCE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 February 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing and Property Projects (1) setting out the performance of the Housing Property Central Heating Repairs and Maintenance service delivery contracts for 2020/21; (2) advising (a) of the performance against the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2020/21 in relation to Heating Repairs and Maintenance, as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, with Appendix 2 to the report containing the full KPI set for 2019/20 for comparative purposes, and (b) that Appendix 3 to the report contained the full breakdown of emergency and non-emergency repairs jobs carried out, and (3) setting out details of Housing Property and Projects performance and service developments.

Decided: that the report be noted.

TOWER STRATEGY UPDATE

4. With reference to (1) decisions taken by the Chief Executive under delegated authority on 20 May 2020, and (2) paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing, Property and Projects regarding progress of the fire safety programme within high rise towers in North Lanarkshire (a) providing details of the Structural Surveys being undertaken, the Ambition Programme, the Re-Provisioning Programme, and the Sprinkler/Fire Safety Programme, and (b) setting out details of the major refurbishment works within four towers, and phase 2 of the fire risk assessments being carried out.

Decided: that the report be noted.

APPROVAL TO COMMENCE PROCUREMENT TO 54 PROPERTIES AT LOMOND ROAD, AND DERWENT DRIVE, COATBRIDGE

5. There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing, Property and Projects (1) seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise for works to 54 properties at Lomond Road and Derwent Drive, Coatbridge; (2) outlining the background to, and the need for, the works, and (3) proposing (a) that a new contract be procured to undertake the works, as detailed within the report, to the 54 properties at Lomond Road and Derwent Drive, Coatbridge, and (b) that the procurement vehicle be secured via the Official Journal of the European Union.

Decided: that a procurement exercise be undertaken for works to 54 properties at Lomond Road and Derwent Drive, Coatbridge.

NEW SUPPLY PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

6. With reference to (1) paragraph 3 of the Minute of the former Enterprise and Housing Committee held on 10 May 2018, and (2) paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the former Communities and Housing Committee held on 11 September 2019, when it had been agreed that a pilot Housing Development Pathfinder approach be undertaken to potentially acquire housing on an "off the shelf" basis, and that the outcome of the pilot be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, there was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration regarding progress with the delivery of

the new supply programme which aimed to deliver 5,000 new homes by 2035, and outlining some of the challenges (a) providing details of the progress in respect of the New Build Programme; the Open Market Purchase Scheme; off the shelf purchases (Affordable Housing Policy sites), and the Development Pathfinder approach; (b) advising on availability/suitability of sites; Scottish Water Drainage Policy; procurement/contractor capacity; Covid-19; costs, and future programme targets which were impacting on the progress of the programme; (c) proposing (A) that with regard to the Open Market Purchase Scheme (OMPS), the Service continued to acquire additional supply through the OMPS, beyond the original estimate of 550 homes, which had been previously agreed, and (B) that the Development Pathfinder approach be extended to cover the whole of North Lanarkshire, with every site being assessed on its merits, and (d) informing that the new supply programme would be closely monitored, with regular updates being reported to Committee, including an annual update on progress against targets, and any adjustments to the programme that may be required.

Decided:

- (1) that the targets for delivery of the programme, including continuation of the Open Market Purchase Scheme, be approved;
- (2) that the extension of the Development Pathfinder approach to cover all of North Lanarkshire be approved;
- (3) that an update on overall progress of the delivery of the new supply programme against targets be reported annually to Committee, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

Councillor Linden, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of a Service User being known to him, took no part in the consideration thereof.

UPDATE ON OPEN MARKET PURCHASE SCHEME - PROGRAMME OF WORK

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the former Communities and Housing Committee held on 20 November 2019, there was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of the Open Market Purchase Scheme (OMPS) (1) outlining the background to the OMPS, which was an extension of the Empty Homes Purchase Scheme (EHPS); (2) intimating that the OMPS increased the supply of housing to meet housing needs as part of the Council's New Supply Programme; (3) advising (a) that, between 1 April and 30 September 2020, 26 properties had been purchased, with a further 39 at conveyancing stage, and (b) that, of the properties purchased so far this financial year, 9 were categorised as having been long term empty properties, and 17 had been purchased through the OMPS, and the two schemes had been merged; (4) indicating (a) that there were six owners, within the first phase of the re-provisioning programme, and engagement with the owners had taken place; (b) that five of the owners had now sold their properties to the Council, and discussions were taking place with the remaining owner, and (c) that of the five owners in the remaining multi-storey flats, all in Motherwell, two flats had been purchased, and discussions were progressing with the other owners regarding the potential for the Council to buy back their flats as soon as possible, and (5) informing that a six monthly update on the OMPS would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that a six monthly update be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

NEW SUPPLY PROGRAMME - FUTURE SITES

8. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval to include three sites, highlighted within the report, and Appendix 1, within the new-build programme, subject to detailed ground investigations, full title checks and relevant statutory consents, and (2) proposing (a) that the former BRE Site, Ravenscraig – approximately 24 units; (b) Windmillhill Street, Motherwell – approximately 4 units, and (c) the former Motherwell Town Hall, 1-11 High Road, Motherwell – approximately 20 units, be included within the new-build programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the three sites, as highlighted within the report, and Appendix 1 to the report, be included in the new-build programme, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

NEW SUPPLY PROGRAMME - PROCUREMENT

9. With reference to decisions taken by the Chief Executive under delegated authority on 20 May 2020, there was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the current procurement exercise for the next phase of the new-build programme, and seeking approval to commence procurement activity with the Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA), and Scotland Excel to deliver the new-build sites previously approved by Committee, and to note the award of a call-off contract in line with the Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA) Framework Agreement conditions for the construction of the new-build housing at the former Chiltern's House, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston, to Hadden Construction Limited (1) outlining the background to the establishment of the new-build framework agreement through Scotland Excel; (2) advising (a) that it was intended to progress with procurement activity utilising the most appropriate SPA housing construction framework, and the new-build framework agreement, through Scotland Excel, for the next phase of the new-build programme, comprising approximately 170 units, over 8 sites, and (b) that the procurement route for each site would be subject to a Sourcing Methodology Option Appraisal; (3) detailing within the report, the new-build sites to be included in the next phase of the new build programme; (4) intimating (a) that following approval in May 2020 of the construction of 21 units of new-build housing at the former Chiltern's House, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston, the award of a call off contract would be made to Hadden Construction Limited, subject to the amended Covid-19 contract clauses being agreed with them in a revised sum of £4,178,545.60, including a contingency allowance of £209,051.39, and (b) that the work was expected to commence on site in January 2021, subject to the contractor obtaining the statutory consents and complying with the Covid-19 restrictions.

Decided:

- (1) that the commencement of the procurement activity with the Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA), and with Scotland Excel to deliver the next phase of the new-build housing sites be approved;
 - (2) that it be noted that the outcome of the procurement with SPA and Scotland Excel, and approval of the costs, would be subject to consideration at a future meeting of the Committee;
 - (3) that the award of a call-off contract in line with the Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA) Framework Agreement Conditions, for the construction of new-build housing at the former Chiltern's House, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston, to Hadden Construction Limited, up to the revised value of £4,178,545.60 including contingency allowance, be noted, and
 - (4) that the report be otherwise noted.
-
-

SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR: 2019/20 LANDLORD REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the former Communities and Housing Committee held on 20 November 2019 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed to note the Seventh Scottish Housing Regulator Landlord Report which detailed the Council's performance in relation to the Scottish Social Housing Charter, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing Solutions (1) providing details of the role of the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR), and the requirement for Scottish Landlords to collect and provide key information on their performance, in achieving the Scottish Social Housing Charter (SSHC) outcomes and standards, in an Annual Return on the Charter (ARC); (2) advising (a) that all Landlords had a legal requirement to submit a signed Annual Assurance Statement to the SHR by 31 October each year, and that this had been extended to 30 November 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which was subject to a separate report to this meeting, and (b) that, following submission from each Local Authority and Registered Social Landlord's ARC, the SHR published a Landlord Profile of all Scottish landlords, which allowed tenants to compare landlords' performance across Scotland; (3) enclosing, in the Appendix to the report, the Seventh North Lanarkshire Council Landlord Report which had been delayed from August to 30 October 2020 due to Covid-19; (4) indicating that the Council was performing above the Scottish average in a number of areas, and in particular average weekly rents were well below the Scottish average; (5) detailing, within the report, information regarding homes and rents, tenant satisfaction, quality and maintenance of homes, neighbourhoods, and value for money; (6) informing, with regard to neighbourhoods, 97.1% of anti-social behaviour cases were resolved within the targets, compared to the Scottish average of 94.1%, and (7) intimating (a) that in line with SHR requirements placed on the Council to provide a report to tenants advising of performance against the SSHC, a Scrutiny Group involving tenant representatives had been working on the development of a performance report, and (b) although the performance report would usually be completed by 31 October each year this would now be available in December 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decided:

- (1) that the Seventh Scottish Housing Regulator Landlord Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, which detailed North Lanarkshire Council's performance in relation to the Scottish Social Housing Charter, be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that a separate report had been submitted to this Committee on the Annual Assurance Statement;
- (3) that the progress being made in the production of the annual report to tenants be noted, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR: 2019/20 ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

11. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the former Communities and Housing Committee held on 11 September 2019, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing Solutions (1) seeking approval to sign off the second Annual Assurance Statement, enclosed in Appendix 1 of the report; (2) intimating that the timescale for submission of the Annual Assurance Statement by 31 October each year had been extended to 30 November 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and (3) advising that the Service required to comply with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator Framework, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and mechanisms had been put in place to support the approval of this year's Annual Assurance Statement, with these processes and actions continuing to be maintained, monitored, reviewed, and updated if necessary, on a regular and ongoing basis.

Decided: that the Annual Assurance Statement 2019/20 be approved.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - 2021/22 REVENUE ESTIMATES

12. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Council held on 14 December 2017 when, inter alia it had been agreed that the average weekly rental be increased by 5% for 2018/19, and 5% for the subsequent three years, subject to six-monthly monitoring reports being submitted to Committee, with a review being undertaken after two years, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) providing information that would enable the Council to set its Housing Revenue Accounts (HRA) budget for 2021/22 (1) advising (a) that the Council's 30 year Business Plan included as part of the 2020/21 budget setting process remained largely unchanged at this stage, and Financial Solutions, in conjunction with the Housing Service, was revising the Council's 30 year Business Plan for HRA to better reflect the updated investment targets and phasing of delivery of new supply, and (b) that an update would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee which would align with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan updates; (2) indicating that approximately 22,674 council tenants in North Lanarkshire (65%) were in receipt of Housing Benefit or the housing cost element of Universal Credit; (3) detailing, within the report and the Appendices, information regarding the HRA Revenue Estimates, cost pressures, and base budget savings, and (4) intimating, with regard to the use of surplus balances (a) that, as part of its long-term HRA budget strategy, the Council's Policy was to set aside a core reserve of £1.450m, which represented approximately 1% of the HRA budget; (b) that, in addition, the HRA reserve balances included a Change Management/Risks and Uncertainty Reserve of £0.829m, excluding the projected surplus for 2020/21 of £7.521m.

Decided:

- (1) that the base budget adjustments detailed within Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) that the base budget savings outlined in Appendix 2 to the report be noted;
- (3) that the allocation of HRA surplus balances as highlighted within paragraphs 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of the report be approved;
- (4) that the financial assumptions contained within the report be reviewed at the North Lanarkshire Council Meeting on 17 December 2020 to allow the HRA Revenue Estimates 2021/22 to be approved, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT ASSISTANCE FUND

13. With reference to (1) paragraph 8 of the former Communities and Housing Committee of 20 November 2019 when, inter alia, approval had been given to implement and administer the Universal Credit Assistance Fund, and (2) paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 2020, when £500,000 had been allocated to the Universal Credit Assistance Fund from the Housing Revenue Account surplus, to provide vital financial support to tenants at this time, there was submitted a report by the Head of Housing Solutions updating Members on the successful implementation of the fund, and the positive impact the fund had had on North Lanarkshire Council tenants (a) advising that the fund had assisted a significant number of tenants who would otherwise have fallen into arrears and had also allowed the Service to provide additional support and advice, and sign posting to other agencies where required, which would contribute to the long term sustainability of tenancies and communities, and (b) intimating that there had been a positive impact on rent arrears levels, and from April to October 2020, the average arrears of tenants who were claiming Universal Credit had fallen from £623 to £560, with the percentage of Universal Credit in arrears dropping from 69% to 55%.

Decided:

- (1) that the positive impact that the Universal Credit Assistance Fund has had in mitigating against the five week Universal Credit payment delay be noted, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS

(1) HRA REVENUE MONITORING REPORT – PERIOD 7 – 1 APRIL TO 16 OCTOBER 2020

14. There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) (1) providing a summary of the Housing Revenue Account financial performance for the period from 1 April to 16 October 2020 (Period 7); (2) illustrating the projected outturn as at 31 March 2021, with major outturn variances highlighted and explained in accordance with the Council's approved Financial Regulations, and (3) advising (a) that the overall projected surplus for the Service of £7.801m, included a net surplus as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic of £3.942m, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, and that the underlying position of the Service excluding the impact of the pandemic, was an outturn of £3.859m, and (b) that it was anticipated that £0.314m of savings would be delivered by the financial year-end.

Decided: that the financial position of the HRA Revenue Budget 2020/21 be noted.

(2) ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITIES – REVENUE MONITORING REPORT (NON-TRADING)

15. There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) (1) highlighting the financial performance of the Enterprise and Communities Service Revenue Budget for the period from 1 April to 16 October 2020 (Period 7); (2) illustrating the projected outturn as at 31 March 2021, with major outturn variances highlighted and explained as per the Council's approved Financial Regulations; (3) advising (a) that the projected outturn position for the Enterprise and Communities' budget was a £7.014m overspend, which included forecast net additional costs as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic of £9.892m, as highlighted within Appendix 6 to the report, and (b) that the underlying position of the Service, excluding the impact of the pandemic, was a forecast underspend of £2.878m, and included a number of the management actions taken by the Service to mitigate against Covid-19 costs including curtailment of non-essential expenditure, and (4) intimating that Covid-19 costs highlighted within Appendix 6 to the report had been included within the Council's overall return to COSLA on the net additional costs as a result of Covid--19.

Decided: that the financial position of the 2020/21 Enterprise and Communities Revenue Budget be noted.

(3) ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITIES – TRADING REPORT

16. There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) (1) providing a summary of the Council's Trading Account financial performance for the period from 1 April to 16 October 2020 (Period 7); (2) illustrating the projected outturn, as at 31 March 2021, with major outturn variances highlighted and explained as per the Council's approved Financial Regulations, and (3) advising that the Council's Trading Account was projected to achieve the budgeted surplus of £0.610m for 2020/2021 based on performance to Period 7.

Decided: that the financial position of the 2020/21 Enterprise and Communities Trading Account Budget be noted.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

(1) HRA MONITORING REPORT - 1 APRIL TO 16 OCTOBER 2020

17. There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) (1) reviewing progress towards agreed spending plans within the 2020/21 HRA Capital Programme; (2) advising that an underspend was projected within the Mainstream Investment Programme due to restricted capital spend and delays within the programme as a result of Covid-19; (3) indicating that the New Build Programme projected an underspend due to the continued impact of Scottish Water requirements on new housing developments and delays caused as a result of Covid-19, and (4) intimating that an underspend was projected within the Council Buy Back schemes as a result of less demand for properties to be purchased through the Mortgage to-Rent Scheme.

Decided: that the financial position of the 2020/21 HRA Capital Programmes be noted.

(2) ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITIES - CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT

18. There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) (1) highlighting the financial performance of the 2020/21 Enterprise and Communities' Capital Programme for the period from 1 April to 16 October 2020 (Period 7); (2) advising that the Service had a total Capital Budget of £70.876m across all the workstreams of the Composite Capital Programme; Enterprise Projects; Schools and Centres Modernisation; Early Years Expansion, and Community Investment Fund, and (3) intimating (a) that the Service was currently forecasting a break-even position, and (b) that further explanation of project variances and management action was included within the report and in the attached Appendices.

Decided: that the financial position of the 2020/21 Enterprise and Communities' Capital Programme be noted.

CONTRACT AWARD FOR FLOORCOVERINGS, REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT 2020-2024

19. There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing Property and Projects (1) reporting on the outcome of the tendering process for the Floorcoverings, Repairs and Replacement 2020-24 Contract; (2) advising that the most economically advantageous tender for the Floorcoverings, Repairs and Replacement 2020-2024 contract was that submitted by Morris and Spotiswood Limited, and (3) proposing that the tender submitted by Morris and Spotiswood Limited be accepted for an initial period of two years, with an option to extend for additional periods up to a maximum of a further 24 months, at the sole discretion of the Council, up to the maximum value of the contract of £4,292,000 for the maximum period of the contract.

Decided:

- (1) that the tender submitted by Morris and Spotiswood Limited for the Floorcoverings, Repairs and Replacement 2020-2024 contract be accepted for an initial period of two years, with an option to extend for additional periods up to a maximum of a further 24 months, at the sole discretion of the Council, up to the maximum value of the contract of £4,292,000 for the maximum period of the contract, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

GARDEN ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND AD-HOC GARDEN WORKS 2021/2024 FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

20. There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing, Property and Projects (1) reporting on the outcome of the tendering process for the Garden Assistance Scheme and Ad-Hoc Garden Works 2021/2024 Framework Agreement for three Lots, and (2) proposing (a) that the Service Providers on the Framework Agreement for Lots 1 and 2, would be Tivoli Group Limited, Idverde Limited, and Glendale Grounds Management Limited, and for Lot 3, would be Inex Works Limited, Glendale Grounds Management Limited, and Tivoli Group Limited, and (b) that the Framework Agreement would be for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend the Framework Agreement up to a maximum of a further 12 months, up to the maximum value of the contract of £5,500,000 - split across three Lots – Lot 1 Garden Assistance Scheme (North Area - £2,040,000); Lot 2 – Garden Assistance Scheme (South Area - £1,960,000), and Lot 3 – Ad-Hoc Garden Works - £1,500,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the award of a Framework Agreement for the Garden Assistance Scheme and Ad-Hoc Garden Works 2021/2024 for three Lots, with Tivoli Group Limited; Idverde Limited, and Glendale Grounds Management Limited for Lots 1 and 2, and Inex Works Limited; Glendale Grounds Management Limited, and Tivoli Group Limited for Lot 3, for an initial period of three years, with an option to extend for an additional period up to a maximum of a further 12 months to the maximum value of the contract of £5,500,000 split across the three Lots, as highlighted within the report be approved, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD

21. There was submitted a report by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions intimating that the contracts, highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, had been awarded by him in accordance with the General Contract Standing Orders during the period from 1 July to 30 September 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the contracts awarded by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions in the reporting period from 1 July to 30 September 2020 be noted, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.