



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

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Report of Councillor Virginia Moran,  
Cabinet Member for Housing

# **Contract Award for Fire Alarm System**

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### **Purpose of Report**

To award a contract to Fieldway Supplies for the installation of Fire Alarm Systems for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year. The annual contract value is £500k.

### **Recommendations**

**Cabinet is asked to approve the award of the contract to the successful bidder.**

### **Decision Information**

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	Yes – Appendix A is exempt as it contains commercially sensitive information.
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Housing Effective council
Which wards are impacted?	(All Wards);

## **1. Implications**

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance and Procurement***

- 1.1 The cost of this contract is included in the approved revenue budget for the Housing Revenue Account.

Completed by: *David Scott – Assistant Director of Finance and deputy s151 Officer*

### ***Procurement***

- 1.2 A compliant procurement exercise was undertaken in November 2025 with Welland procurement.

Completed by: *Helen Baldwin Procurement Lead*

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.3 The alarm systems are identified on the Fire risk assessments required by the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005 (RRFSO) and will be compliant with the latest British Standards (BS) standards for alarm installation.

- 1.4 There are no additional governance concerns.

Completed by: *James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager*

### ***Health and Safety***

- 1.5 As part of the works undertaken to enhance fire safety across the Housing stock it has been identified that the current alarm systems provided in a number of the sheltered schemes are approaching end of life. As these schemes typically house the more vulnerable tenants there is a need to replace these systems to ensure that the earliest possible detection and raising of the alarm is provided. These schemes also see an increased level of footfall and public visits with a number of the communal areas being utilised for events within the building.
- 1.6 The new systems are a modern upgrade with increased reliability which will also reduce the need for cost heavy ongoing maintenance of the ageing systems.

- 1.7 The alarm systems are identified on the Fire risk assessments required by the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005 (RRFSO) and will be compliant with the latest BS standards for alarm installation.

Completed by: *Phil Swinton Head of Health, Safety, Compliance and Emergency Planning.*

## **2. Background to the Report**

- 2.1 To seek approval to the award a contract to Fieldway supplies to undertake Fire Alarm Installation works across the Council's Sheltered Housing Stock which are required to ensure the Council meets its legal and moral obligations in relation to Fire Safety.
- 2.2 The contract award followed a compliant tender process which resulted in 6 companies submitting bids for the contract. The tender summary document is attached at Appendix A.
- 2.3 The contract is set for two years with two separate extension periods of 12 months each, should they be required.
- 2.4 The contract value is set at £500,000 per year for the life of the contract which gives a total value of £2 million

## **3. Key Considerations**

- 3.1. Cabinet could choose not to approve the contract and continue to maintain the current systems; however, there will be an increased cost to maintain and replace these systems and an increased risk of failure of the system to detect and alert to the presence of fire.
- 3.2. The proposed alarm installations will replace the older systems with a wireless solution offering greater reliability and functionality.

## **4. Other Options Considered**

- 4.1 Continue to maintain the old system with the identified risks above.

## **5. Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 5.1 To ensure the Council has compliant and suitable fire alarms systems in place.

## **6. Appendices**

- 6.1 Exempt Appendix 1 - Tender Summary