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Report of: Councillor Kelham Cooke,
Leader of the Council

Contract Awards in relation to Social Landlord Responsibilities

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Purpose of Report

This report is for the contract award for Asbestos removal, surveying, inspection and consultancy works.

This has been through a compliant procurement process.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the award of a contract for Asbestos removal, surveying, inspection and consultancy works to MCP Environmental at a projected cost of £300,000 per annum. The contract shall be an initial two-year contract with the option for two further one-year extensions, maximum term shall be four years.

Decision Information

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Housing that meets the needs of all residents
Which wards are impacted?	All

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 proposed award of the contract for recommendation are within budgeted levels for the Housing Revenue Account.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The proposed award of this contract has followed a fully compliant procurement process.

Completed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The Council has a clear commitment in its Corporate Plan 2020-2023 to provide "*Housing that meets the needs of all residents*". As a stock-retained local authority, the Council has statutory and regulatory obligations to maintain and repair circa 5,900 properties.
- 2.2 The compliant removal of asbestos materials within our housing assets is of upmost importance, this process is a technical and critical function of our housing team.

- 2.3 We have ensured compliance of the procurement process for this contract by engaging our in-house Procurement Officer. The procurement has been undertaken via the Northern Housing Consortium (NHC) framework, schedule 4 Asbestos, Legionella and Mould Management, lot 1.4. The full details of this schedule can be found in the background papers, Northern Housing Consortium Schedule 4.
- 2.4 Through the procurement process we have identified twelve specific requirements for the contractor to deliver on these can be found in Appendix 1 – Asbestos removal contract key deliverables. These requirements shall enable the Council to ensure that its asbestos data remains up to date and reliable.
- 2.5 The identified contractor MCP Environmental was ranked number one on the framework and has been utilised by the Council previously, so there is confidence that the contractor can deliver the level of service required.
- 2.6 Should Cabinet approve this contract award; the Council shall enter into a contract for an initial two years with the option for two one-year extensions dependent upon the Councils satisfaction with performance and quality. The value of the contract has been estimated at £300,000 per annum based upon historic spend levels, the budget for these works is available.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 Fully compliant procurement processes have been undertaken resulting in the identification of a supplier to undertake this important aspect of work.
- 3.2 There are no existing contracts in place to complete these works.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 There are no other options available.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 The proposed contract award has followed compliant procurement processes and shall provide the Council with the appropriate contracts to aid us to deliver on our Corporate Priority to provide “*Housing that meets the needs of all residents*”.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Northern Housing Consortium Schedule 4 – available at the following address:
moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13889

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Asbestos removal contract key deliverables