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## Cabinet


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Report of: Councillor Phil Dilks  
Cabinet Member for Housing and  
Property

# Contract Awards in relation to Social Landlord Responsibilities

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### Purpose of Report

This report is for the contract award for installation of new fire doors and associated safety works identified as part of the fire door inspection programme.

This award is to complement the award for compartmentation works which was approved at Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The procurement was completed through a compliant procurement process, with the contract to be awarded through the Consortium Procurement Construction (CPC) framework.

### Recommendations

**That Cabinet approves the direct award of a contract for Fire door and associated works via the CPC East England regional lot to Global HSE Solutions Ltd for a two-year period with the option for two one-year extensions. The estimated contract value is £500,000 per annum for the life of the contract.**

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Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?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 recommended award of the contract is within budgeted levels for the Housing Revenue Account.
- 1.2 A Direct Award for this value would not necessarily achieve value for money (VFM) and would normally be subject to a level of competition. However, due to the priority of these works and the need for compliancy and safety for our residents, VFM is not the priority in this instance.
- 1.3 It is recommended that a Direct award should only be considered as the procurement option where time is a constraint but in order to achieve best value sufficient time should be built in in order to test the market and achieve a competitive bid.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

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

- 1.4 The award of this contract has followed the necessary processes in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

## **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 Fire safety is a key housing compliance obligation and the requirement to ensure compliant fire door installation with the necessary certification and maintenance is essential to ensuring the ongoing health and safety of our tenants which this contract enables us to deliver.
- 2.3 We have ensured compliance with the procurement process for this contract by engaging both Welland Procurement and our in-house Procurement Officer. The contract is proposed to be awarded via a national framework to ensure deliverability, minimal risk and compliance with procurement guidelines.
- 2.4 The framework specification can be found at Appendix 1 – FS1-P-Passive Fire Protection.
- 2.5 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 of work completed.

## **3. Key Considerations**

- 3.1 A fully compliant procurement process has 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. Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Framework Specification