

REPORT TO CABINET

14 November 2018

Subject:	Plastering and Associated Repairs to Sandwell MBC Properties
Presenting Cabinet Member:	Councillor Kerrie Carmichael - Cabinet Member for Housing
Director:	Director - Housing and Communities - Alan Caddick
Contribution towards Vision 2030: 	
Key Decision:	Yes
Forward Plan (28 day notice) Reference:	SMBC 02/11/18
Cabinet Member Approval and Date:	Cllr K Carmichael
Executive Director Approval:	Dr Alison Knight
Reason for Urgency:	Urgency provisions do not apply
Exempt Information Ref:	Exemption provisions do not apply
Ward Councillor (s) Consulted (if applicable):	This is a boroughwide initiative
Scrutiny Consultation Considered?	Scrutiny have not been consulted
Contact Officer(s):	Steve Piddock Contract Administrator –Neighbourhoods 0121 569 6023 Carol Wintle Procurement Officer - Procurement Services 0121 569 2817

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Authorise the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods to award the contract for Plastering and Associated Repairs to Council Properties to Axis Europe Plc, Hindley Contractors Ltd and Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd.
2. Authorise, in connection with 1. above, the Director – Monitoring Officer to enter into the appropriate contracts with Axis Europe Plc, Hindley Contractors Ltd and Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to award the contract to supply labour, materials and to undertake repairs to Sandwell MBC properties.

2 IMPLICATION FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The renewal of this contract will enable our customers to feel safe within their homes.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS.

- 3.1 The Council is seeking to appoint Three contractors to supply labour, materials and to undertake Plastering and Associated repairs to Sandwell MBC properties for a contract period of four years, from 16th December 2018 to 30th November 2022.
- 3.2 The current contract expires on the 15th December 2018.
- 3.3 Thirteen expressions of interest were received of which four compliant tenders were returned by the deadline of 12th September 2018.
- 3.4 The anticipated value of the contract is in the region of £2.0 Million (£500,000 per annum) for a period of four years.
- 3.5 The four compliant tenders received, have been evaluated in accordance with the criteria stipulated within the tender documentation; the Contractors with the winning submissions are Axis Europe Plc, Hindley Contractors Ltd and Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd.

3.6 This contract is used to support the direct labour team as and when there are peaks in the workload.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The current contract was awarded in October 2016.

4.2 The current contractors undertaking this work are Axis Europe Plc, Hindley Contractors Ltd and Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

5.1 There are no other options available, this contract is required to supplement our own workforce to be able to maintain its current housing stock.

6 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposed contract for £2.0 Million (£500,000 per annum over four years) to supply labour, materials and to undertake plastering and associated repairs to Sandwell MBC properties is included within approved Housing Revenue Account budgets.

7 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 All contracts will be awarded in accordance with the council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was not undertaken as this is a renewal of an existing contractual arrangement. The contract will be monitored to ensure compliance.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 The sharing of any relevant data for the delivery of this contract will be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

10 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

10.1 There are no crime and disorder issues needed to be considered as part of this report.

11 **HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE).**

Axis Response is as follows:

Winning nine Business in the Community Awards and obtaining the Community Mark accreditation, we are demonstrably committed to maximising social value. Axis has delivered a huge number of community & volunteering projects, apprenticeships, training programmes and social value initiatives over the last 30 years.

We have a dedicated Community Investment Team who will work collaboratively with Sandwell to develop a bespoke community investment plan – ensuring initiatives chosen are in line with your goals/values.

We will continue working with Think Sandwell to maximise local opportunities in-line with the Sandwell Guarantee; having brought on 8 apprentices so far through SMBC contracts. Axis will continue this level of support, committing to providing one formal three-year apprenticeship in either a trade or professional role.

Through our supply chain training levy we will also look to offer apprenticeships with local subcontractors where possible.

During mobilisation we will identify additional schemes to meet community needs e.g. Digital workshops/DIY days.

Accessibility will be maximised through:

Newsletter advertisements (Link Me Local and What's on in Sandwell)

Collaboration with Think Sandwell Employment Team

Information at local surgeries/community events/job fairs

Working with local Colleges, SMBC's Youth Employment Apprenticeship Advisor and Sandwell Connexions

We will continue to utilise local labour and business to maximise economic and social sustainability throughout SMBC e.g. use of Sandwell Stores.

Hindley Contractors Ltd response is as follows:

Having previously been awarded this framework contract we understand and continue to apply the following: -

We employ local staff, with all staff residing at a B, WS or WV postcode.

Create opportunities for apprenticeships and continual training for existing members of staff.

Annual review of our policies ensure equal opportunities.

We donate and carry out charitable work for local community centres and schools. Our most recent charity work was carried out at Kingswood Trust in Wolverhampton.

We only use local suppliers and, when required, sub-contractors.

We have trackers on our vehicles to review and assess how our vehicles are driven. This assists us with assessing our carbon footprint.

We have begun to integrate hybrid vehicles into our fleet.

We have separate skips on our Sites where any waste materials can be recycled.

Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd response is as follows:

We are fully committed to Sandwell, having our offices in Tipton and a workforce which is over 80% Sandwell based.

We have been working with Sandwell College for a number of years now, in offering 16-21-year-old youngsters an opportunity of employment at BEML, under the guidance of lead multi's. We currently have 3 apprenticeship multi-traders working for BEML through this route, that we can use on the SMBC contract, once they qualify and meet the correct working overall standards & required levels of customer service we are all accustomed too. We offer them correct training and guidance at all times, with consistent support towards reaching competent tradesman status. If we were successful in winning this overall tender, then we are prepared to offer 3 further plastering/carpentry trade related apprenticeships to resident's children 16-21 years old, where we are regionally per annum, after passed DBS disclosure.

We have appointed work experience placements within our organisation with great success and will continue to work with local schools and colleges to raise awareness and encourage local interest in skilled construction work.

We will source labour for any job opportunities which may come available by advertising in our local Jobcentre Plus offices and also by encouraging our existing staff to spread the word in their local neighbourhood.

Dependent on profit levels on the contract every 6 months, we are prepared to offer £1,000 to a chosen nearby homeless charity of SMBC's choice.

We will continue to use local material supply chains when purchasing materials for the duration of the contracts.

We as a company are also more than happy to attend regular community events to estates that we are working on at the time, to engage with the residents of each community to give basic training and advice on trades works.

12 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

12.1 The renewal of this contract will enable Sandwell MBC to quickly repair our properties.

13 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 The current contract was agreed by Cabinet in October 2016

13.2 This contract is still required in order for Sandwell MBC to continue to maintain its current stock

13.3 Therefore, it is recommended that Cabinet approve the award of the contract for Plastering and Associated Repairs to Axis Europe Plc, Hindley Contractors Ltd and Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd as set out in Appendix 1.

13.4 Axis Europe Plc are based in London; however, they have an Office in Oldbury.

13.5 Hindley Contractors Ltd are based in Wolverhampton.

13.6 Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd are based in Tipton.

14 BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 None

15 APPENDICES:

Appendix 1, Tender Return Results

Alison Knight
Executive Director Neighbourhoods

Appendix 1 Tender Return Results

Supply of Labour and Materials to undertake plastering and associated repairs
to Sandwell MBC properties

Supplier	Price %	Quality Mark %	Total	Rank
Axis Europe Plc	60	40	100	1
Hindley Contractors Ltd	54	36	90	2
Bryant Electrical (Midlands) Ltd	56	27	83	3
Contractor D	40	27	67	4