


REPORT TO CABINET

16 May 2018

Subject:	Provision of Replacement Domestic Gas Appliances
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:	SMBC04/05/2018
Cabinet Member Approval and Date:	Cllr K Carmichael
Director Approval:	Alan Caddick
Reason for Urgency:	Urgency provisions do not apply
Exempt Information Ref:	Exemption provisions do not apply
Ward Councillor (s) Consulted (if applicable):	Ward councillors have not been consulted
Scrutiny Consultation Considered?	Scrutiny have not been consulted
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the renewal of the current contract for the provision of Replacement of Domestic Gas Appliances to Sure Group.
2. That in connection with 1. above, the Director – Housing and Communities be authorised to enter into an appropriate contract with Sure Group.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to award the contract for the provision of Replacement of Domestic Gas Appliances.

2 IMPLICATION FOR THE COUNCIL'S AMBITION

- 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 one Contractor to Replace Domestic Gas Appliances, to assist SMBC's Gas Section to replace gas appliances installed in Council Properties, for a contract period of three years, from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2021.
- 3.2 The current contract expires on the 31 July 2018.
- 3.3 The anticipated value of the contract is in the region of £13.5m, (£4.5m per annum) for a period of three years.
- 3.4 Twenty-eight expressions of interest were received of which Twelve contractors returned a compliant tender.
- 3.5 The twelve compliant tenders received have been evaluated in accordance with the criteria stipulated within the tender documentation 60% Price and 40% Quality. The Contractor with the winning submission is Sure Group.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The current contract was awarded in June 2016.
- 4.2 The contract was awarded to SPi and Sure Group.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 N/A

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 There are no other options available, this contract is required in order for Sandwell MBC to be able to maintain its current housing stock

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The proposed contract for £13.5m, (£4.5m per annum) over three years for provision of Replace Domestic Gas Appliances is included within approved Housing Revenue Account budgets.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

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

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 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.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 There are no data protection issues needed to be considered as part of this report.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

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

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

- 12.1 N/A

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

Sure Group social value response is as follows,

“We’re in support of your 10-ambitions, achieving social gains to improve communities by 2030, in-line with the Social Value Act-2012.

We offer apprenticeships/training/employment/work experience opportunities to local residents. Liaising with Think Sandwell. Guarantee we’ll create an Employment Skills Plan, targeting hard-to-reach groups, (16-24yo/young/unemployed).

We have 18-apprentices, using the Apprenticeship Levy we'll fund additional training, creating multi-skilled engineers. We commit to take Apprentices employment (including ex-offenders): 1 per-£1m -Training (including local residents/ex-offenders).

We will offer 10 Work experience placements per annum.

Women's Careers Day: A female engineer attended, offering careers advice. We invited 5-women for a taster day. Work Inspirations Day at Nelson & Colne College, we offered advice to those interested in becoming a heating engineer.

Social Working with Residents Associations/Tenant Views Club (under 30-years group) we'll offer community support, hosting/attending events within local communities.

We work in partnership with client, Warmzone, when hosting energy saving/efficiency events, offering customers tips/advice on making their homes energy efficient.

Our Environmental Sustainability Team monitor/audit our works, calculating our carbon footprint. We track environmental initiatives/record performance.

We help improve appearance of local gardens/communities – collecting litter/cleaning-up green spaces, volunteering our time”.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 The renewal of this contract will enable Sandwell MBC to quickly replace any damaged or beyond economical repair gas appliances in our properties; thus, reducing the time our tenants have no heating or hot water.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The current contract was agreed by cabinet in June 2016.

15.2 This contract is still required in order for Sandwell MBC to continue to maintain its current housing stock. The work comprises of the replacement of domestic gas appliances and associated works. This primarily comprises of replacing domestic gas appliances (boilers, gas fires, gas cookers) along with ancillary works. The contract also includes the fitting of electric fires and the installation of individual radiators. Some of the works may include full heating installations due to a medical need at the property.

15.3 Therefore, it is recommended that cabinet approve the renewal of the Replacement of Domestic Gas Appliances, to Sure Group as set out in Appendix 1.

15.4 Sure Group, are based in Liverpool, however they have a local office in Halesowen.

16 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 None

17 **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1, Tender Return Results

Alan Caddick
Director – Housing and Communities

Tender Return Results

Replacement of Domestic Gas Appliances to Sandwell MBC Properties

Supplier	Price %	Quality Mark %	Total	Rank
Sure Group	60.00	32.00	92.00	1
Supplier B	55.72	29.60	85.32	2
Supplier C	51.74	28.80	80.34	3
Supplier D	51.67	28.00	79.67	4
Supplier E	51.29	27.20	78.49	5
Supplier F	49.73	27.20	76.93	6
Supplier G	48.08	25.20	73.28	7
Supplier H	46.06	23.20	69.26	8
Supplier I	36.41	23.20	59.61	9
Supplier J	36.19	22.40	58.59	10
Supplier K	33.63	22.40	56.03	11
Supplier L	31.75	8.80	40.55	12