

## REPORT TO CABINET

17 April 2019

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Award Contract for the Delivery of Bulk Materials for Council Properties across Sandwell</b>
<b>Presenting Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Kerrie Carmichael - Cabinet Member for Housing</b>
<b>Director:</b>	<b>Director - Housing and Communities - Alan Caddick</b>
<b>Contribution towards Vision 2030:</b> 	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Forward Plan (28 day notice) Reference:</b>	SMBC 01/04/2019
<b>Cabinet Member Approval</b>	Cllr K Carmichael
<b>Executive Director Approval:</b>	Alan Caddick
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b>	Urgency provisions do not apply
<b>Exempt Information Ref:</b>	Exemption provisions do not apply
<b>Ward Councillor (s) Consulted (if applicable):</b>	This is a boroughwide initiative
<b>Scrutiny Consultation Considered?</b>	This report has not been presented to scrutiny
<b>Contact Officer(s):</b>	Steve Piddock Contract Administrator –Neighbourhoods 0121 569 6023 Carol Wintle Procurement Officer - Procurement Services 0121 569 2817

## **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **That Cabinet:**

1. Authorise the Director – Housing and Communities to award the contract for the delivery of bulk materials for Council properties across multiple locations in Sandwell to Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd.
2. That in connection with 1. above, the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring officer be authorised to enter into the appropriate contracts with Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd.
3. Authorise any necessary exemption to the Council’s Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules to enable the Director - Homes and Communities to award the contract referred to in 1 above.

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to award the contract for the Delivery of Bulk Materials to Multiple Locations including Roway Lane Supplies Section to facilitate repairs to Sandwell MBC properties.

## **2 IMPLICATION FOR THE COUNCIL’S AMBITION**

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

## **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS.**

- 3.1 The Council is seeking to appoint one supplier to supply the bulk materials to facilitate repairs to Sandwell MBC properties for a contract period of four years, from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
- 3.2 The current contract expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
- 3.3 Seven expressions of interest were received of which two compliant tenders were returned by the deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- 3.4 The anticipated value of the contract is in the region of £1.6 Million (£400,000 per annum) for a period of four years.

3.5 The two compliant tenders received, have been evaluated in accordance with the selection and award criteria stipulated within the tender documentation; the supplier with the most economically advantageous tender is Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd.

3.6 This contract is used to supply sand, cement and the larger building materials to both Roway Lane Supplies Section and when required direct to site to reduce material handling.

#### **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 The current contract was awarded in January 2017.

4.2 The current supplier is Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd.

#### **5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

5.1 There are no other options available, this contract is required to purchase the materials to enable our own workforce to be able to maintain the current housing stock.

#### **6 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The proposed contract for £1.6 Million (£400,000 per annum over four years) to supply Bulk Materials to Multiple Locations 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).**

### **Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd Response is as follows:**

DBM embrace continuous improvement and regularly analyses quality of services delivered. While contracted with Sandwell MBC we had dialogue with the Council regarding improving our delivery service. Having identified one of the problems DBM implemented a system of multiple deliveries on a small bodied crane vehicle which eliminated a proportion of labour wastage and allowed small crane vehicles to access destinations on narrow or cul-de-sac roads where large six wheeled vehicles were unable to manoeuvre. The solution to the problem allowed multiple deliveries and enabled products to be delivered adjacent to the address specified maintaining customer satisfaction. Added benefits included a more effective and efficient method of delivery, resulting in savings in fuel, vehicle maintenance costs and reducing environmental impact.

DBM have purchased HGV vehicles including Bio-Fuel capability and Ad=Blue technology resulting in a major reduction in our carbon footprint and maintaining high environmental standards.

Delivery and loading drivers hold monthly meetings to address service issues; recommendations and outcomes are considered for driving forward service improvements. As example, DBM have implemented earlier start time for drivers to ensure drivers perform vehicle safety checks, avoid traffic congestion and further contribute to reduce our carbon footprint.

## 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 January 2017

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 Delivery of Bulk Materials to Multiple Locations to Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd as set out in Appendix 1.

13.4 Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd are based in West Bromwich.

#### 14 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

14.1 None

#### 15 **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1, Tender Return Results

**Alan Caddick**  
**Director – Homes and Communities**

### **Appendix 1** **Tender Return Results**

Supply of Delivery of Bulk Materials to Multiple Locations

Supplier	Price %	Quality Mark %	Total	Rank
Darlaston Builders Merchants Ltd	80	20	100	1
Supplier B	69	15	84	2