

Report to Cabinet

24 November 2021

Subject:	Hire of Scaffold and Mobile Towers
Cabinet Member:	Cabinet Member for Quality Homes and Thriving Neighbourhoods, Councillor Zahoor Ahmed
Director:	Director of Housing Gillian Douglas
Key Decision:	Yes Above £250,000.00 threshold.
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1 Recommendations


- 1.1.1 That approval be given to authorise the Director – Housing to award a contract for the Hire of Scaffold and Mobile Towers to Independent Scaffolding Services Limited, for the sum of approximately £1,053,000 (£351,000 per annum) for a period of 3 years, from 1st December 2021 to 30th November 2024.
- 1.2 That the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter into appropriate contract for the Hire of Scaffold and Mobile Towers to Independent Scaffolding Services Limited.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 This report seeks approval to award the contract for Hire of Scaffold and Mobile Towers to Council properties.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods,</p> <p>This contract is required to allow Sandwell MBC to continue to maintain and upgrade its housing stock as and when required.</p> <p>Ambition 5: Our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.</p>
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Council is seeking to appoint one contractor for the Hire of Scaffold and Mobile Towers contract for a period of 3 years, from 1st December 2021 to 30th November 2024.
- 4.2 The current contract expires on the 30th November 2021.
- 4.3 The anticipated value of the contract is in the region of £1,053,000 (£351,000 per annum) for a period of 3 years.
- 4.4 The contract has been advertised on the council's intend system in order that we meet the Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- 4.5 There were thirty expressions of interest of which there were only two compliant tenders received by the deadline of 17th September 2021. The tender has been evaluated in accordance with the criteria stipulated within the tender documentation, 80% Price and 20% Quality.
- 4.6 The spend on this contract for the last two years was £460,000, however this does include the lockdown periods where very little work was undertaken where scaffold was required.



- 4.7 This tender has been advertised twice on SMBC Intend system, the first time there were two contractors that returned bids however at the evaluation process one of the contractors was found not to have fully completed the return. The decision was made to go out again, the procurement section emailed and contacted local scaffolding companies to make them aware that the tender was being re-advertised. However, there were still only two companies that completed a valid tender return. This complies with 8.10 of the procurement and contract procedure rules.
- 4.8 The sharing of any relevant Data for the delivery of this contract will be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.
- 4.9 Independent Scaffold Services Limited are the incumbent contractor and are based in West Bromwich.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Sandwell MBC's Asset Management and Maintenance team service do not have trained/qualified employees that can erect and dismantle the scaffold systems required under this contract.

6 Implications

Resources:	The proposed contract £1,053,000 (£351,000 per annum) for the hire of Scaffolding and Towers to Council properties is included within approved Housing Revenue budgets for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of Sandwell owned properties. Due to the contracts being an ongoing requirement to provide the service, the budget is maintained at this level each year to ensure the appropriate works can be carried out.
Legal and Governance:	The contract will be awarded in accordance with the council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
Risk:	No Risks
Equality:	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.



Health and Wellbeing:	The award of this contract will enable Sandwell MBC to quickly repair the properties where access to the roofs and other items is required at our properties. This contract is still required in order for Sandwell MBC to continue to maintain its current housing stock.
Social Value	Over the last few years Independent Scaffold Services Ltd have contributed to the Sandwell Apprenticeship Scheme, with the help of the Regeneration and Economy Dept and the Youth Employment Apprenticeship advisor. We currently have 3 youths on this scheme.

7. Appendices

None

8. Background

Tender results:

Tender Return Results

	Price Score	Quality Score	Total	Rank
Independent Scaffold Services Limited	80.00	19.50	99.50	1st
Contractor B	74.29	19.50	93.79	2nd

