

Full Council, 17 December 2024

Councillor Arthur Coote: Portfolio Holder for Housing

Housing Portfolio - Key Updates

1. New Maintenance Contract

Procurement Overview

- Open tender process under Public Contract Regulations 2015
- 7 major contractors submitted compliant bids
- Evaluation: 60% quality, 40% price split
- Quality included technical submission (40%) and interviews (20%)
- Expert support from our Procurement experts Faithorn Farrell Timms throughout
- Resident and member involvement in evaluation panel

Outcome

- Axis Europe Limited highest scoring bidder (77.36/100)
- Very close scoring - top 3 within 0.88 points. This demonstrates the quality of the bids received
- £8.6m per year (£86m potential over 10 years)
- Covers all repairs, voids, planned works across 2,800 properties
- Service starts April 2025
- 10-day standstill period after Cabinet
- Mobilisation period January-March 2025

2. Priors Wood Court -

- Serious fire safety breach discovered
- UNSL removed escape doors without Building Control approval
- Waking watch in place
- Fire engineer inspection carried out and awaiting report
- 90-day fix deadline
- All costs to UNSL
- Weekly monitoring in place

3. General Performance

- Overall maintenance performance stable
- Compliance KPIs on track
- Resident satisfaction steady