

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION – 21 April 2020

Decision by Councillor Mason – Housing, Planning and Transformation

Subject

**Approval of Works Tender – Copley
Regeneration Programme – Phases 6 & 7 Energy
Centre**

Portfolio Housing, Planning and Transformation

Authority Constitution part 3 Section 3

Decision:

That the Portfolio Holder:

- i) authorised the award of a contract to G&D Higgins Mechanical Services Limited to the value of £1.456m.
- ii) authorised the Director of Housing Development to set aside a client contingency sum of £0.150m, this being appropriate for the contract sum and risk profile of the project.
- iii) noted that the total estimated cost of this contract was therefore £1.606m. This would be funded from the approved Copley Close phase 6 energy centre budget within the approved capital programme for the relevant years. Further details were provided in Financial Implications Section 4 of the report.
- iv) noted the options appraisal process that was currently being conducted to evaluate the best approach to tackling the design and repair issues at Copley Phase 7 (Greater Copley).

Reason or decision
And Options
Considered:

A report to Council's Cabinet on 16th February 2016 outlined the future direction of the delivery of the Copley regeneration programme, splitting the project into seven distinct phases.

Please see report
attached

A further report to Council's Cabinet on 18th June 2019 approved the award of a tender to Hill Partnerships Ltd to undertake the construction of 201 new homes as part of phase 6 of the Copley scheme, together with a brand new community square, upgraded open spaces and play area, commercial/retail space and a new community centre.

This report requested the authority of Cabinet to award a contract to G&D Higgins Mechanical Services Limited to undertake works to replace life expired plant and equipment at the Copley plant room currently serving the 337 existing homes at: Monmouth Court, Oxford Court, Paddington Court, Pembroke Court, Radnor Court, Shropshire Court, Somerset Court, Stafford Court and Cheyne Path.

The new plant would act as an energy centre to supply the existing blocks and the 201 new homes currently under construction at Phase 6 of the scheme, and due for phased hand-over between September 2021 and March 2022. This would assist the development to achieve an overall 35 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions as mandated in the Copley energy strategy, which was a requirement of the detailed planning consent for the scheme.

Whilst Cabinet in February 2016 authorised the Executive Director of Place, following consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to invite tenders and award contracts for all future works at Copley, the tender sum for this service required specific Cabinet approval under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Council Constitution.

The original masterplan for the estate, dating from 2012, envisaged that Phase 7 Greater Copley (comprising blocks outlined in paragraph 2.3) would be comprehensively refurbished, with extensive public realm and open space improvements. Scoping of this option had revealed the potential costs of this option were likely to be very high, and greater than the current budget allocation. An options appraisal was currently being carried-out to examine the various approaches that could be adopted going forward.

Date of Implementation : 30 April 2020

Report published 9 April 2020

Opposition consulted 9 April 2020

Decision recorded 21 April 2020

Decision published 22 April 2020

Call-in deadline 29 April 2020 – 5pm

Reason for urgency Urgent pursuant to the following procedure:

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The urgency procedure followed was that, the decision was taken by the relevant individual portfolio holder rather than full cabinet, Rule 5 of the appendix to the [Access to Information Procedure Rules](#) (urgent ICMD):As required there had been consultation with other cabinet members, and agreement of the Leader of the Opposition that the proposed decision was urgent. This urgency decision procedure may not be used as a substitute for full cabinet consideration, but it did allow urgent decisions to be taken in situations where the urgency was such that decision should not reasonably wait for the next full cabinet meeting.

Reason for Urgency:

The Council needed to get back to the bidder within 90 days to accept their offer, as unless that happened the Council would need to re-tender. That would involve unreasonable delay and additional cost.



Cabinet member's signature.....
Councillor P Mason
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