

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Tendering Committee: 13 February 2013

Subject: Supported Accommodation at 51 Jean Armour Dr, Clydebank

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of tenders received for Supported Accommodation at 51 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank and to seek approval to accept the lowest tender.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee is invited to approve the awarding of the contract to Affinity Response Ltd. in the amount of £151,204.93.

3. Background

- 3.1** This project is part of the wider strategy to reshape the provision of temporary accommodation by creating additional supported accommodation placements.
- 3.2** The tender was advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland Portal. Nine tenders were received.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The work comprises builderswork alterations to existing flats at 51 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank providing a supported accommodation unit.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** Design and Quantity Surveying services are being carried out in-house by the Consultancy Services Section of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development.
- 5.2** CDM Regulation compliance is being undertaken by Bryan Byrne Consultants Ltd.
- 5.3** Once the works are completed the facility will be managed by West Dunbartonshire Council's Homeless Section in partnership with Alternatives, the community drugs agency who will provide specialist support.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** Eight tenders have been checked arithmetically and the lowest four represent good value by current pricing levels. Adjustments have been made where appropriate in accordance with the code of tendering procedure (see Appendix 1 - Statement of Tenders Received). The works will be funded from the Housing Capital Budget.
- 6.2** Alternatives have been successful in securing funds of £860,000 from the Big Lottery to provide specialist support for the completed facility.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** In relation to health and safety, appropriate measures will be incorporated in the construction phase health and safety plan for the project in accordance with the CDM Regulations 2007.
- 7.2** Failure to commence the works timeously could jeopardise the aforementioned Big Lottery funding.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** Construction contracts of this specific nature, do not require equalities impact screening.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Public meetings have already been convened with local tenants and residents where any concerns have been fully addressed. Alternatives have distributed leaflets to over 400 addresses in the area of the proposed facility. In addition members of the local community have been invited to join a liaison group to oversee the development of the project.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** This project is in accord with the Council's strategic priority of improving the well-being of communities and protecting the welfare of vulnerable people.

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Appendices: 1. Form ST/1 - Statement of Tenders Received

Background Papers: None

Ward Affected: 5