

## The Cabinet

**Wednesday 10 June 2020 at 15:30 at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

- Present:** Councillor Y Davies (Chair);  
Councillors Crompton, Hadley, Millard, Shaeen, Taylor and Underhill.
- In attendance:** Councillors E M Giles, Rollins and Singh.
- Officers:** David Stevens (Chief Executive), Alan Caddick (Housing and Communities), Neil Cox (Director – Prevention and Protection), Stuart Lackenby (Director – Adult Social Care), Rebecca Maher (Head of Finance), Lisa McNally (Director – Public Health), Elaine Newsome (Service Manager – Democracy), Sue Stanhope (Interim Director – Human Resources), Tammy Stokes (Interim Director – Regeneration and Growth), Suky Suthi-Nagra (Democratic Services Manager) and Surjit Tour (Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer).

39/20 **Apology for absence**

Members noted the apology of Councillor Ali, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources and Core Services and Inclusive Economic Growth, Councillor L Giles, Chair of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board and Councillor Moore, Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board.

40/20 **Minutes of Meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

41/20 **Additional Business**

There were no additional items of business to consider.



42/20      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests declared at the meeting.

43/20      **Urban Design and Building Services Water Hygiene Services**

Approval was sought to award a contract for water hygiene services. The Council's current arrangements were due to terminate on 30 September 2020, having been extended to facilitate a review of future needs which would lead to a more efficient and effective delivery of services.

There was an opportunity to procure the water hygiene services arrangements as a Framework which could be made available for other public bodies to use, subject to an access agreement and fee. This would further enable us to promote the use of a local employee base and the associated training and development opportunities. However, depending on the use of the framework by other Contracting Authorities, the value may increase to the following values for the 4 years duration of the framework:

- a.      Lot 1 - Risk Assessments, Consultancy Services and Training - £1,750,000
- b.      Lot 2    Monitoring and Remedial Works - £12,000,000

The proposed access fee arrangement would consist of a fixed access charge of £2000, plus 2% of contract turnover. This would be based on a direct access arrangement between the Council provider and any interested third-party organisation. For a council of similar size to SMBC, approximately £8000 per annum would be required for access fee.

As the previous long-term agreements had now been extended and were due for retender, alternative options had already been explored. The most economically advantageous solution was to conduct tender processes in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

**Agreed:-**

- (1)      that it be noted that the Interim Director – Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Section 151 Officer are presently in the process of procuring external providers in support of the Council Water Hygiene Management Services across all Council operational sites in support of statutory compliance;
- (2)      that the Interim Director – Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Section 151 Officer award contracts for Water Hygiene Services following the conclusion of the current procurement exercise;

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- (3) that the Section 151 Officer, Director – Regeneration and Growth and the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer agree terms and enter into a contract with relevant third parties as part of the proposed Water Hygiene Contract for the delivery of Water Hygiene Services to third parties accessing services from the Sandwell MBC contract;
- (4) that in connection with Resolution 1 and 2 above, the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enter into or execute under seal any documentation in relation to award of the Water Hygiene Services contracts and/or other agreements as may be deemed necessary.

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### **Provision of Supply and Installation of Glazing to Sandwell MBC Properties**

Approval was sought to award a contract for the provision of supply and installation of glazing to Council properties for a contract period of four years.

Following a tender process in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, Harris Glass Ltd was the winning submission. The anticipated value of the contract was £783,000 (£195,750 per annum) for a period of four years. The firm was currently employing one apprentice and sponsoring individuals from disadvantaged areas within Sandwell.

There were no other options available to the Council, this contract was required for the Council to be able to maintain its current housing stock.

The Leader confirmed the Council's commitment to ensure that contracts awarded enabled inclusive growth by providing jobs for local people.

#### **Agreed:-**

- (1) that the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods award the contract for provision of supply and installation of glazing to Sandwell MBC Properties to Harris Glass Ltd to the value of £195,750 per annum for the period 30 June 2020 to 30 June 2024;
- (2) that, in connection with Resolution (1) above, the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enters into the appropriate contracts with Harris Glass Ltd.

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## Composite Door Programme

Approval was sought to award a contract for composite door replacements to various locations within Housing Stock owned by Sandwell Council. The delivery of this would include planned programmes of replacement as well as reactive maintenance where existing doors fail or were not fit for purpose.

The Council was responsible for the management, upkeep and repair of Sandwell's housing stock. This was currently achieved utilising a mix of in house resources and external contractors.

In accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, the Contractors with the winning submissions were North - Lovell Partnerships Limited and South – Vinci Construction UK Limited. The contract period was for two years at an anticipated value of of £20 million (£10 million per annum) for a period of two years.

The alternative option considered was not to invest in our Council Housing Stock which in turn may lead to dissatisfaction from existing and potential new tenants as well as disrepair and additional burden on the Housing Revenue Account. However, this was not considered as the Cabinet sought to ensure that every resident felt safe and secure in their own home.

The social value benefits of contracting the two organisations was considered and the Leader emphasised the need to ensure future contractors create and train Sandwell residents for decent jobs in their neighbourhoods as part of the inclusive growth agenda in Sandwell.

### Agreed:-

- (1) that the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods award the contract to undertake the Composite Door Programme to various properties to Lovell Partnerships Limited and Vinci Construction UK Limited for a contract period of two years, from June 2020 to May 2022 to a value of £10m per annum;
- (2) that in connection with Resolution (1) above, the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enter into appropriate contracts with Lovell Partnerships Limited and Vinci Construction UK Limited.

Meeting ended at 15:45

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