
Report To:	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	Date:	19 May 2020
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	PR/20/20/MM
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Subject:	Tender for a Delivery Partner for 2020/2021 Energy Efficiency Scotland: Area Based Schemes		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Sub-Committee's approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Property Services to accept a tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2020/21 Energy Efficiency Scotland, Area Based Schemes (ABS) Programme as per Contract Standing Order 17.3 (ii).

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The current Contract for the Delivery Partner for the 2018/2019 HEEPS: ABS Programme is now in the optional extension period and will this will expire on 30 June 2020. Additional special conditions of contract will be introduced to extend the contract on a month to month basis to address the Delivery Partner's responsibilities while managing the contact on behalf of the council during the COVID-19 emergency.
- 2.2 The tender for the 2020/2021 ABS (previously HEEPS ABS) Programme Delivery Partner is currently being prepared for advertising mid May 2020.
- 2.3 The Scottish Government has awarded £1,255,975 funding for the 2020/2021 ABS programme 1st April 2020. The tender will be advertised as a Works Contract. Contract Standing Order 17.3 (ii) stipulates that the Committee must approve acceptance of tenders that exceed £500,000.

- 2.4 The current anticipated date of the award of contract is estimated by 1st August. Owing to the current suspension of the normal committee cycle it is requested that the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee approves that the Head of Legal and Property Services accepts the tender on behalf of the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Sub-Committee grants authority to the Head of Legal and Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2020/2021 Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Scheme Programme and, also, subject to further funding from the Scottish Government, to accept an optional year extension to the contract for 2021/2022, notwithstanding the terms and in variation of paragraph 17.3 (ii) of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Councils, COSLA and the Scottish Government are working hard to deal with fuel poverty, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to tackle the threat of climate change. As part of a range of programmes aimed at achieving these objectives, the Scottish Government has developed and funded Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (ABS).
- 4.2 Scottish Ministers have approved the following key objectives for the area-based schemes – reduce fuel poverty; reduce carbon emissions; lever Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding and support the local economy and sustainable local economic development.
- 4.3 The Scottish Government’s two aims for the design of the schemes are to achieve the maximum impact across Scotland in terms of meeting ABS objectives, and within this to make it as fair, speedy and straightforward as it can be.
- 4.4 To achieve the above aims Local Authorities, in line with their Local Housing Strategy, should develop collaborative area based schemes which target the most fuel poor areas beginning with those in most need of assistance. The ABS programme should deliver annual fuel savings, reduce annual CO2 emissions and leverage utility company funding where possible.
- 4.5 From 2013 to date a total of £10,249,519 ABS funding has been awarded to Inverclyde from the Scottish Government, this includes £1,735,243 additional funding awarded due to timeous completion of programmes and ability to achieve spend.

During this time the Council has worked successfully on the following collaborative area based programmes, providing External Wall insulation to over 2,000 properties in Inverclyde:

River Clyde Homes - Roxburgh/Wellington Street, Greenock, John Street, Greenock, Broomhill, Greenock, Bardrainey/Park Farm, Port Glasgow and currently Cowdenknowes, Greenock.

Link Housing Association – Balfour Street, Port Glasgow and Bardrainey, Port Glasgow.

Larkfield Housing Association – Larkfield, Greenock.

Oak Tree Housing – Bow Road, Greenock and Overton, Greenock.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The tender for the Delivery Partner for the ABS 2020/2021 Programme will be advertised mid May 2020.
- 5.2 It is proposed that, to proceed to award the Contract with an anticipated date of 1st August 2020, delegated authority for this is granted to the Head of Legal and Property Services.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial:

Effective, full and timely use of Scottish Government Funding is likely to be impacted if the Contract Award is delayed. External grant funding. The funding is being treated as one-off costs for the purposes of this report but the contract will be extended to 2021/22 if further funding becomes available.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
02497 (HEEPS)	Income	2020/21	(1,256)		Scottish Government grant funding.

02497 (HEEPS)	PTOB	2020/21	1,256		Expenditure to delivery partner relating to ABS Programme.
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Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Human Resources: There are no HR implications related to this proposal

6.3 Legal: There are no Legal implications related to this proposal

6.4 Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

NO

(c)

Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

6.5 Repopulation: The opportunity to access this funding will assist with achieving a key outcome of the Local Housing Strategy to tackle fuel poverty.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None