

To: City Executive Board

Date: 2 December 2009 **Item No:**

Report of: Head of Oxford City Homes

Title of Report: Replacement Fire Doors Contract – Tender Approval

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To advise the Board on the tenders received for the replacement of fire doors in blocks of flats.

Key decision? Yes

Executive lead member: Councillor Ed Turner

Report approved by:

Finance: Catherine O'Connor
Legal: Lindsay Cane

Policy Framework: More housing, better housing for all.

Recommendation(s): That the lowest tender for the replacement of fire doors in the total sum of £287,370 submitted by Homesafe Doors Ltd be accepted.

Background –

1. This project was approved by the Executive Board and Council in February 2009 as part of the HRA 2009/10 programme. The budgets allocated to this particular project in 2009/10 are £168,026 allocated specifically to the fire door project and £148,081 from the Tower Blocks refurbishment budget. £316,107 in total from within the HRA Capital budget.

2. The works involve the replacement of fire doors in blocks of flats and include entrance doors to individual flats and doors to electric meter cupboards and stores in communal areas. All five tower blocks are included within this contract.
3. Competitive tenders have been received for this work, the result of which is shown in the Financial Implications section below. Documents were sent to six interested companies and five tenders were received by the due time/date, one was submitted late.
4. Homesafe Doors are the contractors for the current fire door replacement contract and have undertaken this work in previous years. The Council has been pleased with the quality of doors and their performance to date.

Legal implications -

5. The contract will be a fixed price contract under the JCT Intermediate Form of Contract, all subject to contract. It is proposed that the contract will start at the beginning of February 2010.

Financial implications –

6. The following tenders were received:

A.	£287,370.00
B.	£287,775.00
C.	£326,345.75
D.	£355,585.00
E.	£446,542.25
F.	£512,021.60 (received after closing date/time)

7. The tenders have been checked and, there are no anomalies or errors in pricing.
8. Leaseholders within blocks of flats will be recharged their proportion of the costs. It is predicted that £25,053 will be recovered in this way.

Environmental implications -

9. There are no direct environmental implications to this report although improved door sealing will prevent draughts for residents and improve insulation.

Equalities impact -

10. Owing to the fire safety aspect of this work all residents of the blocks are having their front entrance doors replaced.

Level of risk -

11. The level of financial and health and safety risk is low. The contractor's assessments have been closely checked and they will be monitored by the Project Surveyor as works proceed.

Recommendation -

12. That the lowest tender for the replacement of fire doors in the total sum of £287,370 submitted by Homesafe Doors Ltd be accepted.

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Background papers:

Tenders and Specification.

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