

Shrewsbury Headquarters and Fire Station Refurbishment – Appointment of Contractor

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report informs the Fire Authority of the appointment of the building contractor for the refurbishment of Shrewsbury Headquarters, Fire Station and Vehicle Workshops Building.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to note the contents of the report.

3 Background

At its meeting on 19 December 2007 the Fire Authority considered the results of the 2008/09 Integrated Risk Management Planning proposals and consultation. This recommended that St Michael's Street would remain as the site for operational response and provided feasibility costs for necessary accommodation improvements. The Fire Authority requested officers to further consider the works required and the Strategy and Resources Committee received an options appraisal paper at its meeting of 22 January 2009, and agreed a proposal to refurbish the site to provide station, headquarters and workshops facilities. The benefits arising from this work have been detailed in previous papers.

4 Programme Management

A programme has been established to deliver the required works, including appointment of an architect, management of the design process and construction works, and management of the site during these works within the agreed overall budget.

Prior to appointment of a contractor, the following costs have been incurred or identified:

- Temporary Working Arrangement Project (including current and projected spend) £135,000.
- Design Cost and Procurement Project (including current and projected spend) £250,000.

5 Evaluation Process

Tenders were obtained, and an evaluation process conducted, using Telford & Wrekin Council's Contract Procedure Rules. The lowest of 4 tenders received was from Paveaways Ltd of Oswestry.

A further competitive value engineering exercise was carried out to identify savings and the savings identified by Paveaways were also the greatest. Following this exercise, which detailed specification changes in a number of areas; a proposal to award a contract to Paveaways was put forward.

6 Appointment of Contractor

At its meeting on 10 February 2010, the Fire Authority agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority, to accept the tender for the refurbishment of Shrewsbury Headquarters, Fire Station and Workshops, which was in the Authority's best interests.

As a consequence the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority, agreed the appointment of Paveaways Ltd as contractor on 26 March 2010.

The agreement allows the phased handover of the St Michael's Street site to Paveaways to commence on the 26 April 2010, as per the agreed milestone within the current Programme Plan.

7 Financial Implications

As all costs are within budget, provision is already in place within the Fire Authority's approved programmes.

8 Legal Comment

The procurement process was carried out in accordance with Telford & Wrekin Council's Contract Procedure Rules, which means it was in unity with 'The Public Contracts Regulations 2006' and as a contracting authority the process has been legally complied with.

The Clerk to the Authority will be required to sign the necessary contract documentation on behalf of the Fire Authority.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

This report updates Members on the appointment of a contractor, so the recommendations within the report have no impact on people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

10 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

11 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Area Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	
Integrated Risk Management Planning			