

Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor

Decision title: Approval to award contract for Installation of Air Source Heat Pump Heating (ASHP) Systems in Council Housing Stock

Executive Councillor making the decision: Councillor Fran Smith (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

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Date of Decision: 29/09/2021

Details of decision:

SWT has a need to award a contract for the supply and installation of Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) to Council owned domestic properties in order to meet the Council's ambitions for the installation of alternative forms of sustainable heating, assist in meeting the targets set out in its CNCR plan and provide affordable warmth for tenants. The Council is in receipt of financial support from Warmer Homes to partially fund this programme.

A compliant procurement exercise has been undertaken, utilising a framework arrangement, to select a Contractor on a direct award basis. The estimated total contract value is approximately £1.4 million including the key components*. The framework was set up following an open market procurement exercise and provides pre-tendered installation rates available for call off.

*The contract price of the key components themselves, namely the ASHP's and the radiators, are set by another, separately procured but related supply only framework.

It is recommended that SWT awards the contract with the selected contractor.

Reasons for proposed decision:

As the contract value for this work exceeds £1 million pounds it is thus classified as a Key Decision for the Executive to award as it exceeds the thresholds in the SWT Constitution, thus requiring 28 days notification in the Executive Forward Plan (undertaken 31/08/21 – 28/09/21). The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out that a Key Decision is one which would result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.

The Leader of the Council can delegate the making of Executive Key Decisions to her Portfolio Holders or Officers as under Part 3 of the Constitution – Responsibility for Executive Functions - 3.1.5 – “The Leader shall determine how all executive powers shall be discharged. The Leader may: a) discharge any of those functions; or b) arrange for the discharge of any of those functions: i. by the Executive collectively, ii. by another member of the Executive, iii. by a committee of the Executive, or iv. by an officer of the Authority.”

Alternative funding options sourced:
This programme is to be funded via approvals within the HRA budget and additional financial support from a Warmer Homes grant.

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	Cllr. Gwil Wren (Chair Corporate Scrutiny Committee)	13/09
	Cllr. Libby Lisgo (Chair Community Scrutiny Committee)	13/09
	Cllr. Janet Lloyd (Shadow Housing Portfolio Holder)	13/09
The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.		
Finance implications	This programme is to be funded via approvals within the HRA budget and additional financial support from a Warmer Homes grant.	February 2021
Legal implications	A formal contract will be entered into with the selected contractor.	
Links to corporate aims	Our Corporate Strategy 2020-2024, Strategic theme for Homes and Communities includes the outcome to provide 'A district which offers a choice of good quality homes for our residents, whatever their age and income, in communities where support is available for those who need it'.	
Climate and Sustainability implications	To contribute to the Council's ambitions for the	

	installation of alternative forms of sustainable heating, assist in meeting the targets set out in its CNCR plan and provide affordable warmth for tenants.	
Community Safety Implications	N/A	
Equalities Impact	N/A	
Safeguarding Implications		
Risk management	A compliant procurement exercise has been undertaken, and completion of works will ensure compliance with the Regulatory Standard.	
Partnership implications	N/A	

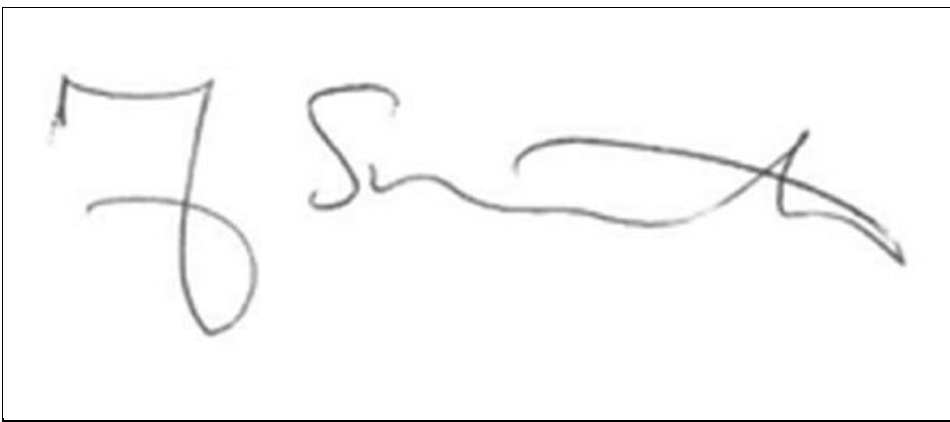
Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.

None.

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



Name: Cllr Francesca Smith

Date: 29/09/2021

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by Executive Councillors. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication and the period for any call-in has expired.

Note: A copy should also be sent to the Governance Team – governance@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk