

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER MEETING FOR
COUNCIL SERVICES

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Report of the Strategic Director Corporate Resources

Use of Efficiency East Midlands Heating and Insulation Framework

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval under Protocol 2 of the Council's Financial Regulations to use the Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) Heating and Hot Water Systems (EEM0026) framework and Property Improvement Works (EEM0056) framework.

2. Information and Analysis

The Council is a member of, and hosts, the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities' Energy Partnership (LAEP) which comprises all local authorities across the two counties. The LAEP is externally funded and works to reduce fuel poverty and improve domestic energy efficiency for local residents.

The LAEP is currently delivering the 'Derbyshire Healthy Home Project' across Derbyshire on behalf of the Council's Public Health department who currently provide funding for staff costs.

The project works with GP practices to identify and assist residents with a cold-sensitive, long term health condition who are in fuel poverty. If they struggle to keep their homes warm in winter the health of these residents is at further risk and they are more likely to be admitted to hospital and incur high costs to the NHS.

The project provides these residents with new heating systems and insulation where needed, at no cost to them.

The LAEP is seeking to secure £325k of external funding from National Energy Action (NEA) for heating and insulation works to supplement a similar sum of grant funding already secured. This funding will be split equally between Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, **the total value of the funding for Derbyshire will be £162.5k.**

The LAEP submitted an Expression of Interest to NEA's Warm and Healthy Homes Fund on 29 June 2015 and was invited to submit a full grant application on 29 July. The full application was submitted on 3 September. Successful applicants will be informed by 25 September and delivery would begin from 2 November 2015.

It was a requirement of the NEA's grant submission procedure for bidders to have contractors in place to carry out the required heating and insulation work prior to the submission of the fund application.

The LAEP cannot use its existing contractors as they were engaged to deliver works which were part funded by Energy Company Obligations, access to which NEA will not permit.

Due to the tight time constraints, the LAEP has sought to procure heating and insulation contractors from an external framework established by EEM, a not for profit public sector organisation. EEM has complied with all relevant procurement rules to identify best value contractors on behalf of the LAEP and its member authorities.

3. Financial Considerations

Contractors will be paid using external grant funding, as outlined in 2 Information and Analysis.

4. Legal Considerations

EEM has procured an OJEU compliant framework, which the LAEP wishes to use in accordance with Protocol 2 of the Council's Financial Regulations. An award of contract under the framework will be made by way of mini-competition.

5. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; human resources, environmental, health and transport considerations.

6. Background Papers

None

7. Key Decision

NO

8. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision in this report? **NO**

9. Officer Recommendation

Subject to the award of £162.5k funding from National Energy Action to approve the use of the Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) Heating and Hot Water Systems (EEM0026) framework and the Property Improvement Works (EEM0056) framework in accordance with Protocol 2 of the Council's Financial Regulations for the period of 4 years.

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