

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Trish Rimmer – Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	7 December 2021

Fibrous Moulded Plaster Ceiling Surveys and Limited Remediation Services

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent procurement exercise undertaken for the appointment of a Contractor to provide Fibrous Moulder Plaster Ceiling Surveys and Limited Remediation Works.

The contract is for annual surveying, condition reporting and the issuing of safety certification for heritage ceilings in public spaces in the Winter Gardens, Blackpool Tower, Town Hall, Grundy Art Gallery and Central Library.

The contract also allows for limited remediation works capped at a value of £25,000 per repair to cover any emergency situations or spot repairs requiring urgent attention.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Hayles and Howe Limited (Bristol).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken October through November for the Provision of Fibrous Moulded Plaster Ceiling Surveys and Limited Remediation.

The Council conducted an above threshold / Open FTS tender via our electronic tendering portal, The Chest.

73 Companies read the Contracts Finder notice and 11 registered an interest in the opportunity. An open day for tenderers was organised and two bids were received from:

- Farcroft Restoration (Walsall)
- Hayles & Howe (Bristol) – the incumbent provider

The tender was evaluated by a panel representing Merlin (Blackpool Tower), Blackpool Entertainment Company (Winter Gardens) and Blackpool Council (Council Assets) using a combination of price, quality and social value.

Following this evaluation, it is our intention to enter into a formal agreement with Hayles and Howe.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

n.a.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The purpose of this contract is to conduct annual inspection surveys detailing the current condition, issue a safety certificate and a report to guide and inform the repair and restoration programme including specific responsibilities, risks, recommendations and a maintenance plan to prioritise of any remedial works with estimated costs to secure the assets long term future.

Ceiling certificates should be prepared as confirmation and evidence that the premises may be safely opened to the public in accordance with the latest guidance in the Technical Standards for Places of Entertainment.

All ceilings have been surveyed in the last 3 years so this contract is for re-surveys.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

n/a

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The process has been undertaken in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with Hayles & Howe Limited.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 n/a

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 n/a

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of the contract will be met by current budget and represents a saving on current expenditure both in year 1 and a further reduction in year 2 of the contract.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 If the contract is not awarded, this will impact on our ability to confirm the safety of these spaces to be open to the public and to inform and prioritise investment in these assets.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The preferred supplier has signed the Council's Supplier Charter prior to contract award.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 n/a

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Hayles and Howe Limited (Bristol).

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

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