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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Cabinet Member

Councillor Jill Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

02 March 2023

Subject:

HRA tower blocks refurbishment and retrofit programme

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Cabinet considered a report regarding the HRA tower block refurbishment and retrofit programme. Approval requested for 2 points:

1. Approval of the appointment of Mears Group PLC as design and delivery partner via direct award using the Prosper framework;
2. Approval of the appointment of the in-house delivery team, as detailed in annex 1 to the Cabinet report.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to:

1. Approve the appointment of Mears Group PLC as design and delivery partner via direct award using the Prosper framework;
2. Approve the appointment of the in-house delivery team, as detailed in annex 1 (to the cabinet report).

Reasons for decision:

The recommendations were made for the following reasons:

- Progress essential fire safety works in 5 of the councils tower blocks;
- Progress work that will assist the councils compliance with the governments net zero targets;
- Raise the standard of 5 of the councils tower blocks with refurbishment works;
- To ensure the council eligibility for full grant funding opportunities.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The option to procure the contract through a more traditional approach was rejected because this would put at risk the Council's ability to complete the works within timelines stipulated for the eligibility of grant funding

The option to not appoint an in house delivery team was rejected because the scale of the project cannot be managed by the current TLS establishment.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

HRA tower blocks refurbishment and retrofit programme - Cabinet cover report - Google Docs  
Annex 1 - Tower block refurbishment and retrofit programme Report

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in: 10 March 2023