

Report to the Cabinet

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Portfolio: Housing.

Subject: Door Entry Security Programme – 2007.

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That, being the lowest tender received, Alpha-track Systems Ltd be awarded the contract for the 2007 Door Entry Security Programme at various blocks in Loughton and Buckhurst Hill in the sum of £69,700.64.

Report:

1. Tenders were invited from six contractors who are registered on Constructionline for the 2007-door entry security installation programme at various sites in Loughton.

2. The table below sets out the blocks included within the 2007 door entry security installation programme, together with the number of properties in each block, the proportion of leaseholders in each block and the tender value for each block (based on the lowest tender received.)

Door Entry Programme – 2006/7		EFDC Properties	Leasehold Properties	Total Properties	% Leasehold	Tender Value £
1-24 Bourne House	Buckhurst Hill	13	11	24	45	17,359.82
10-16 Goldingham Avenue	Loughton	2	2	4	50	6,986.75
12-34 Highwood Lane	Loughton	19	4	23	17	9,564.51
73-92 Highwood Lane	Loughton	16	4	20	20	9,582.11
1-6 Maldon House	Loughton	5	1	6	16	7,500.94
62-85 Marlscroft Way	Loughton	16	8	24	33	9,571.66
6-15 Monksgrove	Loughton	9	1	10	10	6,134.85
Contingency Sum						3,000.00
Contract Sum						69,700.64

3. The blocks included on the 2007 door entry programme have been selected from the 7-year programme for door entry security systems reported to the Housing Portfolio Holder in August 2005.

4. The tenders were opened by the Housing Portfolio Holder on 14 December 2006 and were recorded as follows:

- Alpha-track Systems Ltd £69,700.64
- Cartel Security £74,324.17
- Ace Security & Electrical Ltd £83,657.73
- Classic Security Solutions £81,074.64
- Makers UK Ltd £104,564.70
- SPS Door Guard Ltd Did not return tender

5. The tenders have been evaluated by Stace, one of the Council's Partnered Consultants. The tender submitted by Alpha-track Systems Ltd is the lowest in the sum of £69,700.64 and is within the budget allocation in the 2007 capital programme.

6. It is the view of Stace that the tender submitted by Alpha-track Systems Ltd, represents good value for money and their tender, in the sum of £69,700.64, be accepted.

7. The budget provision for this door entry security installation programme is within the existing Capital Programme for 2006/7. Whilst the contract will commence in 2006/7 it will be completed around June 2007. Therefore it is recommended that £60,000 from the Door Entry budget be carried forward into 2007/8.

Statement in Support of Recommended Action:

8. The proposal is consistent with the existing capital programme and the number of blocks identified on the 5-year programme for door entry security installations in 2007. The works will improve the security and safety of the residents within the blocks identified on the programme, and assist in the Council achieving the Government's Decent Homes targets.

Other Options for Action:

9. Not to undertake the door entry security installations programme. However, this would have a detrimental effect on the security of the blocks and would lead to further vandalism.

Consultation undertaken:

10. Leaseholders in line with the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2000 legislation.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: £69,700.64 from existing Door Entry budget within the existing Capital Programme, of which £60,000 is to be carried forward into financial year 2007/8.

Personnel: None.

Land: None.

Community Plan/BVPP reference: To maintain and improve the Council's properties
- To ensure that all of the Council's homes meet the Governments Decent Homes Standard by 2010 and that the number of non-decent homes is reduced.

Relevant statutory powers: None.

Background papers: Door Entry 2006/7 Tender evaluation.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: To improve security to various blocks of Council owned flats in the Loughton and Buckhurst Hill areas and to reduce incidents of vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

Key Decision reference (if required): N/A.