

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 24 February 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Environment and Regeneration
Report Title:	Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) Framework, Acceptance of tender for DFG Framework
Purpose of Report:	To seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for the DFG Framework for adaptations
Report Owner:	Councillor Lis Burnett Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration
Responsible Officer:	Rob Thomas, Managing Director
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Head of Regeneration and Planning Operational Manager Regeneration Operational Manager Accountancy Finance Support Manager Committee Reports
Policy Framework:	This is a matter of Executive Decision by Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Framework was last tendered in 2014 and has now expired, a tendering process to appoint two contractors for the framework was completed in October 2019. Following this competitive tendering process tenders have been received for these works. • Cabinet approval is being requested to appoint the two highest scoring tenders and enter into a Framework contract to deliver disabled adaptations to private homes in the Vale of Glamorgan. 	

Recommendations

1. To advise Cabinet of the proposed contract award arrangements for the Disabled Facilities Grant Framework.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. That Cabinet notes the contents of this report, with a view to taking decisions on the award of the Framework detailed within the Part II report later on this agenda.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Disabled Facilities Grant is a statutory service delivered by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. As a Council we offer a Grants Agency Service that applicants can opt to use as their Grants Agent. This service provides access to Framework Contractors to complete the adaptations.
- 1.2 The DFG Framework has set agreed rates for all services, the rates have been set to ensure value for money and have been tested by an external Quantity Surveyor. Therefore, this tender was assessed 100% on quality. As demand for the service varies the value of this contract is estimated at £800,000 per annum split between two contractors.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The Tender was issued on Sell2 Wales for the DFG Framework Tenders. 8 Tender Submissions were received. 6 progressed past the PQQ stage and interviews were held. Following this process two contractors, that were the highest quality scorers, have been checked to ensure they are compliant. Details of the tender process outcome are set out in the Part II report.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The Disabled Facilities Grant is a statutory service and the grant agency service offers residents a fully managed service to assist them to stay in their own homes. The service is integrated into Social Services through the Occupational Health team.
- 3.2 The proposal will enable the Council to continue to work towards the Well-being Outcome, An Inclusive and Safe Vale. Citizens of the Vale of Glamorgan have a good quality of life. In addition, the Council will also be contributing to all of the national well-being goals, in particular 'a healthier Wales'

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** Capital provision for Disabled Facilities Grants is provided through the Capital Programme, any spend not required in the financial year is decommitted. Demand for grants varies from year to year.
- 4.2** As the Framework has set prices there is provision for uplift on an annual basis.

Employment

- 4.3** One of the successful tenderers are located in the Vale of Glamorgan and will employ local labour to undertake this project. Both contractors have committed to Apprenticeships as part of delivering the framework.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.4** The Head of Legal Services will prepare and execute a Framework contract with the two highest scoring companies to deliver the framework.

5. Background Papers

None