

DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/content/committees/96416/Part4E-Overview-and-Scrutiny-Procedure-Rules-updated-October-2016.pdf>)

Subject: Retro Fitting of Sprinklers to seven high rise blocks	
Staff Contact: Dennis Panter	Executive Member: Cllr Jeannette Thomas
Tel: (01438) 242893 or (07808) 013334	Portfolio: Housing, Health & Older People

1. Decision

That the Strategic Director:

1. Has determined that Annex A and the supporting procurement report (Appendix A) should not be disclosed to the public as it contains exempt information as defined by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, with the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighing the public interest in disclosing the information.
2. Awards the contract for the retro fitting of sprinklers to high rise blocks to the preferred supplier as set out in Annex A and approves the award report attached in Appendix A.

2. Reasons for the decision

The Council wishes to fit fire suppression systems to its high rise blocks to ensure the safety of its tenants following the tragedy of Grenfell.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

Do nothing – the Council risks damage to property and reputation as well as the lives of the tenants should there be a fire in one of its high rise blocks.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}

Cllr Jeannette Thomas asked for clarification and analysis of unit costs. This information was provided to her satisfaction and she is supportive of the contract proceeding.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

None.

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5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: SIGNATURE REDACTED

Title: SPANISH PLANTATION

Date: 23/10/15

6. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED/SIGNED FORM TO CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLICATION

- ¹ for guidance see Borough Solicitor's note "Taking Decisions"
- ² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made
- ³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Borough Solicitor
- ⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted
- ⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.