

CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018

UPDATE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ASSETS

FIRE SPRINKLER UPDATE

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Not applicable

UPDATE

Tenders have been received with a total cost of £1,509,000 which was £400,000 less than the budget allocated. The contract has been formally awarded to Lovell Partnerships Ltd we are now in the process of arranging pre-contract meetings to formalise the arrangements; the tendered programme is 55 weeks. There have been delays in the overall tender process as late information supplied by South Staffs Water resulted in a re-design of the water supply system.

The programme covers all 6 high-rise blocks along with the block at Eringden. Sprinkler heads will be installed within the flats and communal areas of the blocks.

The tender includes all Leasehold properties in the block and assumes that there will be no cost recovery. Discussions in recent months suggest that tenants and Leaseholders appear to have changed their outlook on the idea of sprinklers and it is looking as though they will be more receptive to the proposals.

The Council has committed to providing a sample design for residents to see before any work commences to reassure them that the sprinklers will not be unsightly.

RECOMMENDATION that the update be noted.