



CABINET - 4TH JUNE 2014

SUBJECT: WHQS EXTERNAL WORKS CONTRACTS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The report was considered by the Caerphilly Homes Task Group on 22nd May 2014.
 - 1.2 The report advised the Task Group on the outcome of the tender process for the external works contracts and recommended a course of action for consideration.
 - 1.3 In accordance with the agreed contract structure for the WHQS Programme the external works were the subject of a procurement process during 2013. The outcome of the tender process raised a number of concerns including value for money and process irregularities.
 - 1.4 The Task Group were advised that the concerns raised related to the procurement of contracts for the Upper Rhymney Valley only. The Task Group considered the procurement process and slippage implications for the Upper Rhymney Valley and fully endorsed the recommendations contained in the Officer's report.
 - 1.5 The Caerphilly Homes Task Group recommend to Cabinet that: -
 1. In light of the issues raised by the due diligence review the tender process for the external works contracts in the Upper Rhymney Valley is terminated.
 2. The external works contracts in the Upper Rhymney Valley be retendered and the WHQS Project Board be delegated to determine the most appropriate procurement strategy taking account of the availability of survey information that will inform the tender process and deliver value for money.
 - 1.6 Members are invited to consider the report and the above recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Caerphilly Homes Task Group Report - 22nd May 2014