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Audenshaw Academy Value for Money Review 22nd March 2021



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To satisfy the due diligence requirements of Tameside Council around the level of cost of the project LMW Consulting were appointed to carry out an independent Value for Money review by Inspiredspaces Tameside Limited for the Audenshaw Academy project.

The project involves alterations & refurbishment of the existing sixth form block and the existing science & design technology blocks. The proposals involve the stripout of the existing blocks, removal of load bearing walls and installation of supporting steel structure, construction of new internal walls and blocking up of existing openings, mechanical & electrical adaptations, new floor and ceiling finishes, plastering and general decorating works & new FF&E.

Whilst Robertson Construction Group Limited (RCGL) are working within the sixth form block and science block they will utilize the existing male toilets and a ground floor classroom in the 6th form block as the site office and welfare facility. Access to this space is directly from the car park and playground area leading from the main entrance gates.

Robertson Construction Group Limited (RCGL) were engaged to manage and tender the project. The contract sum has been negotiated with RCGL. However, most of the project packages have been competitively tendered to two or more sub-contractors. The table below records the number of tenders received for each package.

The tender sum as it currently stands is £1,019,276.

The current offer is made on a fixed price basis under a bespoke form of contact.

The current construction programme notes a 9-week construction duration with an anticipated start on site date for the science & design tech block alterations of 05/07/2021 and a practical completion date of 03/09/2021. The alterations to the existing sixth form block are due to commence on 19/07/2021 with a practical completion date of 06/09/21.

The works are due to take place during the school summer holidays prior to the return of students on 03/09/21, with only snagging and cleaning taking place post summer holidays.

Although this project is a negotiated tender as noted above most of the packages have been competitively tendered to sub-contractors.

LMW considers that the tender sum submitted by RCGL reflects current market rates, as demonstrated above and is considered to be value for money.