

**Report to:** Housing Review Board  
**Date of Meeting:** 23 January 2020  
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**Review date for release** None



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Housing – Extension of the asbestos surveying Contract</b>
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	Members to note the option to extend the existing asbestos surveying Contract by a further year.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>To take up the option to extend the existing asbestos surveying Contract by a further year.</b>
<b>Reason for recommendation:</b>	To maintain properties to a good standard and compliant whilst achieving good value for money.  To assist in achieving continuity of asbestos surveying and Survey Reports across the Property & Asset service.
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<b>Financial implications:</b>	Asbestos survey expenditure is expected and has been budgeted for in the coming year.
<b>Legal implications:</b>	There are no legal implications requiring comment. The Contract allows for the further extension by 1 year.
<b>Equalities impact:</b>	Low Impact
<b>Climate change:</b>	Low Impact
<b>Risk:</b>	Comments High Risk  There are high risk consequences of failing to comply with Statutory Regulations/Legislation in relation to compliance from a safety, financial and reputational perspective.
<b>Links to background information:</b>	• .
<b>Link to Council Plan:</b>	Outstanding Homes and Communities Outstanding Council and Council Services

## **Report in full**

### **Introduction:**

1. As the Landlord East Devon District Council has a duty of care to all tenants to ensure that it complies with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (CAR) in as much as asbestos in all properties is managed in strict accordance with the aforementioned Statutory Regulations and as set out in the Asbestos Policy & Management Plan for housing, this responsibility lies across the whole of Housing.

### **Background:**

2. In 2016 East Devon District Council accessed the Advantage South West Framework for asbestos surveying to run a 'mini competition' to procure a Contract to carry out their asbestos surveying work. The procurement was tendered for all asbestos surveying work (management and refurbishment and/or demolition surveys) for a 3 year period with the option to extend for a further two years on an annual basis and by agreement of both Client and Contractor.
3. On completion of the tender review and all due diligence checks the asbestos surveying Contract was awarded to Asbestos Consultants Europe Ltd (ACE).
4. The Contract commenced for the initial 3 year period on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and is due to expire on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **Performance:**

5. Since being awarded the Contract ACE have generally carried out their surveying in a professional timely manner and have given little cause to question their ability to carry out their work. Apart from some very exceptional circumstances, generally surrounding no access issues they have achieved their Contract KPI's. In addition ACE have also provided valuable advice in relation to asbestos and carried out re-assurance air testing where required.
6. Under the terms of the Contract we need to advise ACE that we would like to take up the option to extend the initial 3 year Contract for a further 1 year prior to the expiration of the Contract.

### **Recommendation:**

7. It is recommended that the existing asbestos surveying Contract is extended for a further 1 year.