

**Name of decision maker: Assistant Director of Housing**

**Service Area: Strategic Housing**

**Title of Decision:** To extend the contract with John Rowan & Partners LLP to provide Development Interim Management support for the New Build Programme.

**Decision made and reasons:**

**Decision:**

To approve that the contract for Development Interim Management with John Rowan & Partners LLP be extended until 30 June 2015.

**Reason:**

The Council are in the process of appointing a new Development Manager for the New Build Project but this role will not commence until June/July 2015. Due to the continuing work required on the new Build Project, JRP will be required until June when the appointment of the new manager will be made.

**Reports considered:**

None

**Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:**

Group Manager – Strategic Housing

Assistant Director – Housing

Chief Executive

**Financial Comments:** The above proposal has not been budgeted but will have a pressure of approximately £20K rather than £35K due to savings being made in the Housing Development Manager post which has been budgeted but not likely to start until July 2015. It has been proposed to identify in year savings within the HRA to meet this pressure.

**Monitoring Officer Comments:**

No comments to add.

**Deputy S151 Officers Comments:**

The costs associated with this decision can be absorbed within existing budgets

**Implications:**

**Value for Money:**

When the appointment was originally made the Council carried out a quotation exercise and John Rowan & Partners LLP provided the lowest price.

This contract was originally awarded under a tendering exception as the requirement was urgent.

**Financial:**

The Council's spend on this contract is currently £52,070.00. The additional work will

come to a total of £35,850.00. This brings the total spend to £87,920.00.

**Risk:** If the contract for this service is not awarded then it would affect the Council's New Build Programme as we would not have the skills or resources in house to deliver on all the projects.

**Officer Signature:**

Date: