

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Report: John Moulton Hall - Internal Redecoration

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1. PURPOSE

To seek approval for the internal redecoration of John Moulton Hall (JMH), funded from the Council's Public Works Loan allocation.

Three quotations have been received. Bidder A is recommended as the lowest-priced option.

2. RECOMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

1. NOTE the condition of the walls shown in Appendix 1 and the need for preparation and redecoration.

2. APPROVE Bidder A for the JMH works at £6,990 ex VAT, funded by the Public Works Loan allocation.

4. NOTE the £8,422 already committed to Pinetrees, leaving a allocated of £29,588 capacity to progress other sites through separate approvals.

3. DETAIL

3.1 JMH is a well-used facility and is visibly showing signs of age and wear.

3.2 The site is subject to multiple refurbishment and upgrade projects including heat decarbonisation, solar PV and pending kitchen refresh.

3.3 Redecoration would both compliment these works and improve the overall presentation of the site for hirers and users for years to come.

3.4 Appendix 1 shows examples of the current wall condition

3.5 Officers have sourced three independent quotations for redecoration.

3.6 All quotes include preparation and filling of damage to walls and woodwork, two coats of emulsion to the walls, preparing and painting woodwork (inc. varnish).

Masking, floor protection, dust sheets, signage and barriers are included

3.6 Quotation Comparison

Bidder	Excl. VAT
Bidder A	£6,990.00
Bidder B	£17,650.00
Bidder C	£13,547.00

3.7 Bidder A is £6,557 is significantly less than the next-lowest quotation (Bidder C), approximately 48.4% lower.

3.8 Overview of the scope of each bidder - Bidder B includes walls and woodwork, with undercoat and a satinwood white topcoat. Bidder C lists the rear meeting room, kitchen, corridors, foyer and main hall walls/skirtings, plus WC ceilings only, and specifies white gloss to skirtings. Bidders A and B do not expressly include ceilings.

4. FINANCE

Provision / commitment	Amount
Public Works Loan allocation	£45,000.00
Pinetrees - committed	£8,422.00
Available before JMH	£36,578.00
JMH – proposed	£6,990.00
Total committed / proposed	£15,412.00
Remaining after JMH Work	£29,588.00

4.1 The proposed works are well within the allocation and budget estimates, allowing other sites to be progressed.

5. PROGRAMME

5.1 Bidder A's price assumes a normal Monday to Friday, 40-hour working week. Officers should coordinate the works with bookings and other planned works, notify hirers of disruption, and check insurance and risk assessments. Completion and defects should be inspected before final payment.

5.2 Any price increase, material scope change or clarification affecting value for money should return for approval. Any decision outside the Committee's delegated authority should be referred to Full Council.

Appendix 1 - Existing Wall Condition



