

**Table 1: Competitive Tenders**

<b>Title of Tender</b>	<b>Proposed Contract Duration</b>	<b>Est. Max Contract Value</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Short description of goods / services</b>
Provision of temporary agency workers (neutral vendor model)	Up to 3 years	£19,000,000	C Sheridan	The provision of temporary agency workers to cover short term vacancies in Departments whilst recruitment exercises are undertaken. Current contract expires 31 March 2026. A separate report on the Committee's agenda sets out progress to date on reducing the council's reliance on agency spend and a programme of work is in place to address this. The estimated maximum contract value is based on historical spend but takes into account the anticipated impact of improvements. This is a maximum figures and regular reports will be brought to committee to allow Members to track actual spend.
Provision of temporary agency workers using call-off framework (where neutral vendor cannot provide a suitable candidate in a timely manner).	Up to 3 years	£1,500,000	C Sheridan	To support the above neutral vendor model. From time to time the neutral vendor is unable to source suitable temporary agency workers within timeframes set. The CCS framework is used in these instances in line with the framework guidelines. This typically applies to more specialist roles in the Council
Replacement boilers & associated works at Tropical Ravine Botanic Gardens	Up to 3 months	£150,000	S Grimes	Supply and installation of replacement boilers due to failure of 3No existing boilers – currently inadequate heating media to sustain the specialist flora located.
Supply and installation of Solar PV on roof for Donegal Pass Community Centre Fully Funded	Up to 2 months	£45,000	S Grimes	The solar panels will generate electricity to be used by the Community Centre reducing its energy consumption, electricity costs and CO2e emissions
Provision of portorage and storage services	Up to 2 years	£90,000	N Largey	Service for the moving of various furniture and other items between BCC buildings. Service is not currently available within BCC. Dept considering in-house options but require a contract up to 2 years to ensure continuity of service whilst this review is conducted.

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Accommodation/ hotel services (Bed and breakfast basis) to support the delivery of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026.	Up to 2 weeks	£220,000	D Martin	The contractual agreement between Council and Comhaltas includes the provision of hotel accommodation and business suite facilities to support the delivery of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026.
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**Table 2: Single Tender Actions**

Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason
Corporate HR & Payroll system for Belfast City Council	Up to 3 years	£1,230,000	S McNicholl	<p>Zellis were awarded the Corporate HR &amp; Payroll system contract in 2016 following a competitive tender exercise using the Crown Commercial framework contract for Corporate Software Solutions.</p> <p>Implementation of this new HR &amp; payroll system has proven to be complex with some elements of the implementation still ongoing.</p> <p>A 3 year STA is therefore required to support the completion of the implementation, including potentially moving to a Cloud based solution with Zellis, and for the council to consider its longer term procurement options for software licensing &amp; maintenance of the system.</p> <p>There are no other current procurement options available to appoint Zellis. This may change once the system is moved to a Cloud based solution.</p> <p>Zellis are the owners of the software. Software licensing &amp; maintenance cannot be provided by any other supplier.</p>	Zellis UK Ltd	3

**Table 3: Modification to Contract**

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Original Contract Duration &amp; Value</b>	<b>Modification</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
Hire of Skips - CNS Q24.15	Up to 12 months & £30k	Additional 4 months and £34,000	S Leonard	<p>Extension required to align this requirement with the award of the new skip hire tender. It is estimated new skip hire contract will be in place by Jan/Feb 26 which will covers all Depts skip hire requirements.</p> <p>Conducting a new quotation exercise is not practical given the short timescales involved and the nature of the requirement and associated logistics of awarding to a new service provider.</p> <p>Modification is required to be reported to SP&amp;R as the value of the requirement now exceeds £30k</p>	Avenue Recycling Ltd
Supply and delivery of paint and sundries – T2015	Up to 4 years 6 months & £132k	Additional 2 months and £6,000	S Grimes	<p>The new tender (T2517) is at evaluation stage. The product testing stage of the evaluation is ongoing and award has been delayed as 1<sup>st</sup> placed supplier failed this testing process as their products did not meet specification following testing. Testing process now started with 2<sup>nd</sup> place supplier.</p> <p>The testing process is critical to ensure we buy quality paint products to support operational maintenance teams and reduce associated costs.</p> <p>Con Mod approved Feb 2025 for additional 4 months and £6,000 and Jun 2025 for additional 3 months and £6,000</p>	PPG Architectural

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### STA/ Direct Award Reasons

STA Number	Full description
1. Switching to a Direct Award	Switching to a Direct Award: No response or no suitable response following advertised procurement exercise.
2. Single Supplier for Art or Artistic Performance	Single Supplier for Art or Artistic Performance: the creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance
3. Single Supplier Absence of Competition for Technical Reasons	Single Supplier Absence of Competition for Technical Reasons: only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works
4. Single Supplier Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Single Supplier Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): only particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required due to that particular supplier having IPR or other exclusive rights and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.
5. Urgency	Urgency: Where the goods, services or works to be supplied under the public contract are strictly necessary for reasons of extreme and unavoidable urgency which is not attributable to any act or omission of and could not have been foreseen by the council, and as a result the public contract cannot be awarded on the basis of a competitive tendering procedure using the reduced 10 day period for 'urgent procurements'
6. Prototypes and Development	Prototypes and Development: the production of a prototype, or supply of other novel goods or services (i.e. goods or services designed or developed at the request of BCC), for the purpose of testing the suitability of the goods or services, researching the viability of producing or supplying the goods or services at scale and developing them for that purpose, or other research, experiment, study or development.
7. Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works	Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works: Extension or Partial Replacement concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier (includes supplier that the council no longer has a contract with) which are intended as an extension to, or partial replacement of, existing goods, services or works in circumstances where a change in supplier would result in the council receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance.
8. Commodity	Commodity: Supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market
9. Advantageous time-limited	Advantageous time-limited: Supplies or services on particularly time-limited advantageous terms e.g. supplier winding up its business activities

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10. Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works	Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works: Similar to Existing Goods Services or Works, concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier (includes supplier that the councils no longer has a contract with) that are similar to existing goods, services or works where the existing goods, services or works were supplied under a public contract that was awarded following a competitive procedure within the period of five years ending with the day on which the transparency notice is published, and the tender notice or any tender document in respect of the earlier contract set out the Council's intention to carry out a subsequent procurement of similar goods, services or works in reliance on this direct award justification, and any other information specified in Section 95.
11. Other	Other: Reason not in line with Procurement Act 2023
12. To Protect Life	To Protect Life: where a Minister of the Crown has by Regulations provided that specified contracts may be awarded to protect human animal or plant life or health or protect public order or safety
13. Schedule 2– Exempted Contract	Schedule 2– Exempted Contract: Requirement not considered procurement spend but use of STA process to document and approve spend. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/54/schedule/2">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/54/schedule/2</a>