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**Table 1: Competitive Tenders**

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services	On published pipeline (Y/N)
Hardware and software warranty and support on Aruba servers and controllers for wired and wireless Network	Up to 3 years	£144,699	S McNicholl	This is to ensure maintenance and support is in place for our Aruba wired and WiFi networks and controllers with associated security measures.	N
Analysis, evaluation and financial assurance services of real estate proposals	Up to 7 years	£2,450,000	D Martin	<p>To appoint a suitably qualified professional consultancy providing services to undertake analysis, evaluation and provide financial and technical assurances to the Council in respect of real estate proposals, across a range of residential led mixed use regeneration projects, particularly with respect to Council's recently appointed Private Sector Partner, and any other commercial opportunities where BCC is a stakeholder.</p> <p>Members at meeting of Sept '25 CGR Committee <i>agreed that the key appointment of a specialist financial and commercial property services provider would be noted in a Contract Report to be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</i></p> <p>Specialist nature of advice will be required to provide assurance to Members when making high value decisions to effectively transfer land assets to facilitate residential led development that may also require some sort of support from Council to bring forward delivery through subvention. It is essential that any decisions made by Council are based on sound and well informed advice.</p> <p>This is essentially a 'call-off' appointment and actual spend will be vouched on the time spent charged at hourly rates procured through a Crown Commercial Services Framework.</p>	N

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Provision of reusable period products scheme	Up to 3 years	£105,000	D Sales	Supply and deliver reusable period products to individuals on request through landing page maintained by supplier	Y
Provision of energy management services for the Council	Up to 5 years	£250,000	S McNicholl	Service required to support Council's aims and objectives regarding energy supply including securing VFM, budget and risk management and carbon reduction	Y
Telephony Service Provision	Up to 1 year	£210,225	S McNicholl	BCC requires telephony service provision for its sites and services to include calling ability, line rental and various broadband connections	N
Supply, delivery and off-loading of rubber crumb for 3g and 4g pitches.	Up to 36 months	£130,000	D Sales	To top up rubber crumb for 3g and 4g pitches as part of scheduled pitch maintenance to ensure operational life span of pitch carpet and ensure H&S considerations for use.	N
Legal and commercial support in submitting a bid for funding from Innovate UK.	Up to 4 months	£41,000	J Tully	To assist in delivering several aspects of the work packages, including the procurement road map, legal review of portfolio PPA, and attendance, preparation and delivery of several workshops and disseminations events.	N
Technical support in submitting a bid for funding from Innovate UK.	Up to 4 months	£40,390	J Tully	To assist in delivering several aspects of the work packages, including the economic appraisal of a thermal store element of the proposed heat network project, production of an economic appraisal report, coordination with other partners and attendance, preparation and delivery of disseminations events.	N
Dynamic Market or Open Framework (TBC) for delivery of various Employability & Skills 'E&S' Requirements	Up to 5 years	£6,000,000	D Martin	The current DPS is reaching its financial ceiling and is due to complete in 2026. A successive DPS must be established to ensure continued delivery of E&S solutions in an agile and flexible way, responding to challenges and opportunities within the labour market	Y
Supply and delivery of play equipment	Up to 5 years	£1,250,000	D Sales	Establish a call off framework to purchase new/replacement play equipment to support the delivery of the annual Playground Improvement Programme.	N
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.	N

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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	N
Programme Curation to support the Fringe Programme of the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.	Up to 1 year	£400,000	D Martin	To appoint a curator(s) to support the delivery of the Fringe Programme of the Fleadh which will complement the Comhaltas core programme of competitions, concerts and the Scoil Éigse, animating the city with inclusive, creative, and celebratory events.	N
Supply of bedding plants, bulbs and maintenance of floral displays	Up to 5 years	£1,000,000	D Sales	To support the display of plants and flowers across the City and Parks. Requirement will be split into 3 lots to maximise levels of competition and support SMEs:  Lot 1 – Supply and delivery of high-quality bedding plants (£480k) Lot 2 – Maintenance, removal and emptying of floral displays service (£340k) Lot 3 - Supply and delivery of forcing and bedding bulbs – (£180k)	Y
Medical Services to support the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.	TBC	TBC	K Forster	Further to the STA request below for medical planning services there is an urgent need to commence work on a new tender for medical services to support the Fleadh delivery. An Expression of Interest 'EOI' will be advertised in the coming weeks to determine market interest and capability which will then help to scope the requirement. Further information provided at Nov SP&R.	N
Provision of research & development activity to inform Belfast City Deal advanced wireless investments Fully funding from City Deal.	Up to 6 months	£70,000	S McNicholl	This is a technical and commercial R&D piece to inform Belfast Region City Deal partners on investment opportunities for advanced wireless. It is funded by BRCD. Procurement is via NEPRO3 local govt procurement framework	N
Belfast Stories Specialist Legal and Financial Support	Up to 2 years	£200,000	D Martin	Specialist Legal and Financial advice to inform the operator model options in order to support a decision on the operating model by Council by Q3 2025 in advance of the submission of the Belfast Stories Full Business Case by the end of 2026. Belfast Stories update Paper refers.	N

**Table 2: Single Tender Actions**

Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason
The provision of a robust medical plan to cover all medical eventualities that may occur at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026 and 2027	Up to 2 years	£80,000	K Forster	<p>Urgent need to appoint a service provider to provide a robust and comprehensive medical plan to support Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026 and 2027.</p> <p>The NI Ambulance Service are reviewing the level of support the offer to major events which has created the urgent need for this support.</p> <p>The supplier has unique experience combining both emergency medicine and major events and the only known supplier who can provide the services.</p>	Dr Aisling Diamond	5
Supply of plastic and paper sacks for waste collection/ management	Up to 6 months	£75,000	S Grimes	<p>Urgent need to source stock of plastic and paper sacks to support waste management operations.</p> <p>The replacement tender is taking longer evaluate due to a number of suppliers failing the testing/ sampling process. It is hoped that this process will be completed in the coming weeks and a new supplier appointed; however, current stock is due to run out before end of November.</p> <p>Through engagement with local suppliers, we have been able secure available stock of our plastic sack types needed with Brow packaging who are a local supplier who can supply within 4 weeks of order placement</p>	Brow Packaging Ltd	5

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				<p>Orders need to be placed asap to secure required stock and in case of any delays in delivery.</p> <p>Any delays put continued service provision at risk i.e. the Council run out of stock of service critical products.</p>		

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**Table 3: Modification to Contract**

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Original Duration</b>	<b>Modification Required – Time &amp; Value</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
Provision of dog kennelling facilities and related services (T2161)	Up to 3 years	Additional 1 month and £32,000	S Toland	There has been a general increase in costs associated with the contract and specifically with the unforeseen introduction of new legislation making XL Bully type dogs an illegal breed. Contract to be extended by a period of one month to allow for completion of procurement and tender process, if required. This is a statutory service. Continuity of service is essential.	Nutts Corner Boarding Kennels
Security Guarding services Lot 1 – Manned Guarding Services (T1974)	Up 4 years and 4 months	Additional 1 month and £50,000	N Largey	Due to delays in the planned award of replacement contract (T2537) an additional 1-month extension of contract required for Lot 1 Manned Guarding Services to help facilitate the implementation of the new contract and time for TUPE consultations and transfer of approx. 20 guards.	Cobra Security Services
A Bolder Vision for Belfast Strategy and Implementation Framework T2538	Up to 1 year	Additional 6 months and no increase in value	C Reynolds	Since the Call-off Contract was initiated, there has been extensive pause and prolongation linked to the emerging Eastern Transport Plan (Belfast city centre chapter).  A contract modification is therefore required to extend the call-off expiry date to enable the project to be completed.	Jacobs UK Limited
Provision of Building Management and Operations at 2 Royal Avenue T2583	Up to 1 year	Additional 6 months and £130,068	D Martin	To avoid disruption or cessation to the current operation of the venue, an extension to the current 'meanwhile use' contract is requested. This will allow the venue to continue to operate while the current Expression of Interest exercise	MayWe

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				is concluded, followed by the progression of next steps.	
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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.

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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
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>