

Table 1: Competitive Tenders

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services
Booking system for cemeteries and crematorium including user licences, Funeral Director portal, Sculptor portal, finance integration, daily csv file extraction	Up to 4 years	£156,000	S McNicholl	License support and maintenance for Plotbox Bereavement Services Management System
Electric upgrade projects	Up to 5 years	£1,500,000	S Grimes	New MTC contract to provide emergency call outs, reactive & response maintenance works & provide call off facility for electrical contractor to carry out planned projects
Electric Gates, Barriers & Bollards maintenance and small works	Up to 5 years	£300,000	S Grimes	Recurring contract which covers callouts, repairs, planned maintenance and small works to electric gates, barriers & bollards systems to all Council properties
Lease of 2x 18T- RCV 4x2 x 18T narrow track 0L10N Electric Bin Lift	Up to 4 months	£35,000	S Leonard	The current lease for the hire of 2 x 18T RCVs contract (T2614) expires on 31/03/26 with no option to renew. A new 4- month interim hire contract required from April 2026 to July 2026 to allow for the continuation of services until the arrival of 2 x 18T RCV vehicles which have been purchased are not due to be delivered until August 2026.
Collection of environmental water and sediment samples at North Foreshore Site	Up to 3 years	£160,000	S Grimes	The samples are required to be taken, analysed and reported to DAERA / NIEA in accordance with the relevant provisions of The Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997.

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Belfast WiFi Service	Up to 5 years	£165,000	S McNicholl	The Belfast WiFi service is required to deliver public WiFi services across over 100 council sites as well as external city centre locations.
Management and delivery of a Belfast Citywide Appeals Service	Up to 4.5 years	£1,215,000	D Sales	Provision of a shared and centralised appeals service, creating a dedicated and specialised service which could efficiently meet the wide range of need for appeals, across the communities of Belfast.
Implementation of a new Service Desk Management solution with Asset Management	Up to 4 years	£380,000	S McNicholl	Replacement of the current inhouse legacy CRM Service Desk system and Asset Management system that is approaching end of life.
Public services hub project delivery	Up to 15 months	£650,000	M McCann	<p>Belfast 5G Innovation Region is a DSIT-funded programme that requires Belfast City Council, on behalf of Belfast Region, to deliver economic benefits in key industries. A public services hub will be delivered on behalf of Belfast City Council as part of this programme.</p> <p>Approved April 2025 for 11 months. Duration has now been updated.</p>

Table 2: Retrospective Single Tender Actions

Title of Contract	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason
Fleadh Cheoil Belfast 2026 Volunteer Services	Up to 8 months	£55,610	D Martin	Volunteer Now is the only organisation in NI with experience and capacity of co-ordinating and managing a complex, high profile, volunteering programme of the scale of the Fleadh.	Volunteer Now	3

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Table 3: Contract Modifications

Title of Contract	Original Contract Duration	Modification	SRO	Description	Supplier
T1974 – Security Guarding Services Lot 1 – Manned security guarding Lot 2 – Event stewarding Lot 4 – Keyholding Lot 5 – Mobile Patrol	Up to 4 years	Additional 1 months and £110k	N Largey	An additional 1-month extension of contract to help facilitate the evaluation and award of the new tender and ensure continuity of services including a smooth transition of any new service provider i.e. time for TUPE consultations and transfer. Large number of tender bids received as part of the re-tender exercise which is resulting in the evaluation taking longer to complete. Evaluation and award scheduled to be complete by end of August 25 but a 2-month handover period needs to be allowed for to allow for a potential transfer to a new service provider.	Cobra Security Services (Lots 1, 4 & 5) Eventsec (Lot 2)
Review and development of additional H&S processes at Belfast Zoo	Up to 6 months	Additional 6 months and £15,000	D Martin	An extension to the current contract is required due to additional H&S requirements being generated following a HSENI investigation at the Zoo. Being reported as STA as value now exceeds £30k.	Health and Safety Risk Management Consultancy Service

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

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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
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 council 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

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13. Schedule 2– Exempted Contract	Schedule 2– Exempted Contract: Requirement not considered procurement spend but use of STA process to document and approve spend. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/54/schedule/2
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