



<b>Subject:</b>	Contracts Update
<b>Date:</b>	20 February 2026
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<b>1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
The purpose of this report is to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek approval from members for tenders, contract modifications to contract term and Single Tender Actions (STA) over £30,000</li> <li>• Inform members on a Meet the Buyer Event being held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 1</b>)</li> <li>• Approve the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 2</b>)</li> <li>• Approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 3</b>)</li> <li>• Note the Meet the Buyer Event being held in City Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (<b>Section 7.0</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Competitive Tenders</b></p> <p>Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender.</p> <p>Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.</p> <p>Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 1</b>).</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Single Tender Actions (STAs)</b></p> <p>The Council's current Single Tender Action (STA) process, which has been in place since 2020, provides assurance that the Council continues to comply with its obligations under the Procurement Act 2023 'the Act' and internal governance arrangements including required controls and approvals. It mirrors the Act setting out the exceptional and specific circumstances when a STA can be used (see STA/ Direct Award Reasons Table in Appendix 1).</p> <p>To support Officers understanding and to build capability, CPS offer support training and guidance on the STA process.</p> <p>In line with Standing Order 55 the Committee is asked to approve the award of the STAs in Appendix 1 (<b>Table 2</b>).</p>

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Modification to Contract</b>
	The Committee is asked to approve the following modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a as set out in Appendix 1 ( <b>Table 3</b> ).
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Tender pipeline</b>
	<p>To support transparency and assist supplier planning, Members should note that <b>Future Tendering Opportunities</b> are published bi-annually on the Councils website. The current update <a href="#">Tendering opportunities</a> covers future tendering opportunities up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.</p> <p>Note: CPS consult with Departments to help populate this procurement pipeline and are reliant on Departments sharing their available procurement plans.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>BCC Meet the Buyer Event</b>
	<p>A 'Meet the Buyer' event will take place in Belfast City Hall on Wednesday 25 March, 9am-1pm, organised by Belfast City Council, in partnership with InterTradeIreland.</p> <p>Businesses from across Ireland are being invited to hear about upcoming procurement opportunities available within the public sector in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Open to businesses, social enterprises and voluntary and community organisations across the island of Ireland, the event will highlight a wide range of public procurement opportunities with the council, other local authorities, and other public bodies such as Translink, NI Water, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Education Authority, Housing Executive, Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD), and Office of Government Procurement.</p> <p>Attendees can chat directly to buyers and a range of support organisations such as InterTradeIreland, Federation of Small Business and Belfast Chamber to hear more about upcoming opportunities, how the procurement process works and get practical advice and support on how to find and submit tender bids.</p> <p>In addition to supporting businesses across the island of Ireland to access public sector opportunities, the event will also provide internal benefits to the Council through direct engagement with the supplier market. Officers will gain insight into market capacity, innovation and barriers to participation, supporting more effective procurement planning and specification design. This proactive engagement aligns with best practice in public procurement and will contribute to improved competition, value for money and delivery of social value outcomes/</p> <p>Registration is planned to open Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.</p>

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b>
	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</b>
	None
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table 1 - Competitive Tenders</li> <li>• Table 2 - Single Tender Actions</li> <li>• Table 3 - Modification to Contract</li> </ul>