



Subject:	Contracts for Award
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Seek approval from Members to allow the advancement and award of tenders as outlined in Appendix 1, Table 1 in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.Seek approval from Members to allow the advancement and award of direct award tenders as outlined in Appendix 1 Table 3 in accordance with Standing Orders.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the public advertisement and acceptance of tenders as listed in Appendix 1, Table 1 through the Council's electronic procurement system. Members are advised that these tenders will only be advertised when they have gone through the

	<p>Councils internal governance process which include demonstrating strategic alignment with the Belfast Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant delegated authority to the appropriate Director using pre-agreed criteria the most economically advantageous tender. • Agree to accede to Standing Order 55(b) exceptions in relation to contracts by direction of the council acting on recommendation of a Chief Officer that the exception is justified in special circumstances for the contracts laid out in 3.6 and Appendix 1 Table 3.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Section 2.5 of the Council’s Scheme of Delegation outlines that under Standing Order 60(a) any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) needs to 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.
3.2	The tenders submitted for approval in Appendix 1, Table 1 , have been forwarded by Departments for approval. Departments have been required to provide assurance that provision for the expenditure has either been made within their departmental budgets or approval has been sought from the Director of Finance and Resources that this expenditure has been provided for within a corporate budget.
3.3	Members should note that they are being asked to approve tenders in principal , after which the internal governance process demonstrating strategic alignment with the Belfast Agenda will be applied. As part of this process, Departments have also provided assurance that appropriate resources are available within their departments in order to effectively administer and manage any contract(s).
3.4	In accordance with Standing Orders these tenders shall comply with the relevant requirements of national legislation and European directives and be overseen by Corporate Procurement Services.
3.5	This report relates to corporate and departmental supplies and services contracts only. The procurement of services and works contracts relating to the capital procurement is dealt with under the Capital Programme reports in accordance with the approved stage approval process.

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p><u>Direct Award Contracts</u></p> <p>Members are asked to accede to Standing Order 55 (b) exception in relation to contracts allowed by a Chief Officer certifying that the exception is justified in special circumstances for the following and as per Appendix 1 Table 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2014 the council entered into an energy management contract in support of a cost avoidance strategy for the procurement of energy. The contract was for 4 years and savings for the period were estimated to be £1,098,607. The recruitment of new posts in the Commercial and Procurement Service will enable provision of resources to support a full review of the energy contract, the market place and the development of a procurement strategy to continue to maximise efficiencies. • As part of the Belfast Region City Deal outline business case's (OBC) are being developed for 4 regional digital projects with a value of c£150million. Critical to the initiation of the OBC is the development and implementation of an agreed value model for a digital innovation ecosystem among city partners. The value model requires the development of a number of different integrated elements to ensure the objective of fostering an interconnected 'ecosystem'. <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The financial resources for these contracts will be met within departmental budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>No specific equality or good relations implications.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 Schedule of Tenders for Consideration / Notation</p> <p>Table 1 – New tenders</p> <p>Table 3 – Direct Award Contracts (Single Tender Action)</p>