



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Procurement Dashboard February 2024



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Executive Summary

The Procurement Act 2023 Update

The Act is officially titled the Procurement Act 2023 - this is the primary legislation, but the secondary legislation that sits under it will be called the Procurement Regulations 2024. The secondary legislation has been delayed and is expected to be released mid-March which will begin the 6 month implementation period. Procurement will be using the term 'Procurement Regulations' as we feel that this is easier for our stakeholders to understand and that it is relatable to procurement rather than stating 'the Act'.

Superuser sessions in February concentrated on the learning package. The Knowledge Drops have been released and the e-learning modules will be launched in April. An overview was provided of the e-learning which looks very user friendly and detailed.

It was announced that 150 questions would be published, technical policy guidance for 52 areas is being released and a helpdesk is now available to provide support. Learning aids and flow charts are being developed by the cabinet office on the thresholds, procedures and notices.

Other updates

The Procurement team have been working hard to support on UAT for the new finance system.

The whole team attended a full day training on Modern Slavery to increase our awareness and understanding of this subject and assist with what steps we can take if modern slavery is suspected.



Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Electric Vehicle Chargers** – Estimated £53,000. Contract awarded to JPS Renewable Energy Ltd against KCS framework, Y21002 - Electric Vehicle Charging Points & Associated Services, work started across 14 key sites for electric and hybrid vehicles, expected to complete end of March 2024.



- **Vending Machines** - Preparing to run a mini-competition against the KCS Y23009 Catering, Vending Machines & Water Coolers framework for 1 snack and cold drink and 2 hot drink vending machines for the Kelvedon Park Muster area.
- **Lockers** – Estimated £10,000 request for quotes were received and evaluated for Lockers at Kelvedon Park, the order was placed with Bates Office Furniture, the lockers will be delivered and installed by the end of March 2024
- **Office Furniture** – Estimated £30,000, funded from Capital - Asset Protection, New Ways of Working Project. Reviewing available frameworks for muster area and canteen furniture, ensuring best value and delivery within our required timescales.
- **Water and Wastewater Supply & Billing Services** – Estimated cost £373,745 for 3 + 2 year term. In collaboration with 7 Forces Procurement a further competition was carried out against the Laser framework for the Water and Wastewater Supply & Billing Services across all sites, the evaluation is due to be complete by mid-March. Decision sheet to be submitted for approval to award.



ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Mobile Display Terminals Mapping Software** – Renewal awarded to Airbus Defence for the MDT SafeCommand software. Awarded via the Crown Commercial Service RM6259 Vertical Application Solutions framework Lot 5: Blue Light Solutions. Awarded at cost of £125,000
- **Mobile Display Terminals Crash Recovery System** – Renewal awarded to Airbus Defence for Moditech Crash Recovery system software after comparable benchmarks. Software found from various 3rd party resellers, but none offer an integration into the Airbus SafeCommand software. Awarded at cost of £50,000
- **Hewlett Packard Enterprise support** – Award after request for quote process for the maintenance and support for HPE and Nimble servers for the amount of £32,000 to the supplier Support Warehouse.
- **Resource Optimisation Call** – A cost avoidance tool was discussed with Directors for the allocation of resources to assist in saving fuel and resources from appliances that would increase standard response time as well. Early colleague engagement to other Fire and Rescue Services for information, allocated budget of £230,000.
- **Multi Carrier Sims** – Request for quote for the purchase of roaming sims of approximately £3,000 per annum for the prevention department to increase communication and response times to be procured via a request for quotation process.



Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Workwear** – First set of samples received and evaluated. Three suppliers providing the second stage samples due end of March for measured garments for operational trials for staff in Control, Colchester and Chelmsford fire stations and breathing apparatus instructors.
- **PHEM D training** – estimated costs £505k over 4 years -Tender was run under the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service national framework. Decision sheet presented for approval to proceed to award.
- **Thermal Imaging Cameras** – estimated costs £650k - in collaboration with Herts Fire Service. This was run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework. Decision sheet presented for approval to proceed to award.
- **Positive-Pressure Ventilation Fans** – estimated cost £130k – Standstill completed and tender awarded this was run by Suffolk Fire Service under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework.
- **Layflat hoses** – estimated £58k – Tender was run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework, in evaluation for approval to award.
- **End of Life Vehicles for RTC training** – following supply issues from our current contract a tender is being prepared for release in April due to legislation changes required to the specification.
- **Driving Licence checks** – following a request for quote process the contract has been awarded, £15k over 3 years finalising contract terms and conditions and internal processes.



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SUMMARY SUPPLIER SPEND

Based on Supplier Invoicing

£1.3M

Month Supplier Spend

832

Invoices

MONTH

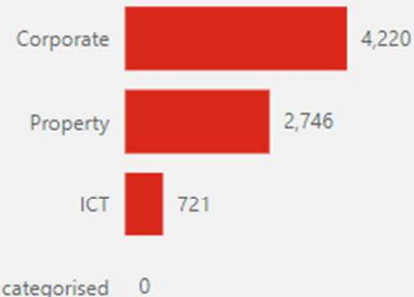
YEAR TO DATE

Month Total by Category

Month Invoices by Category

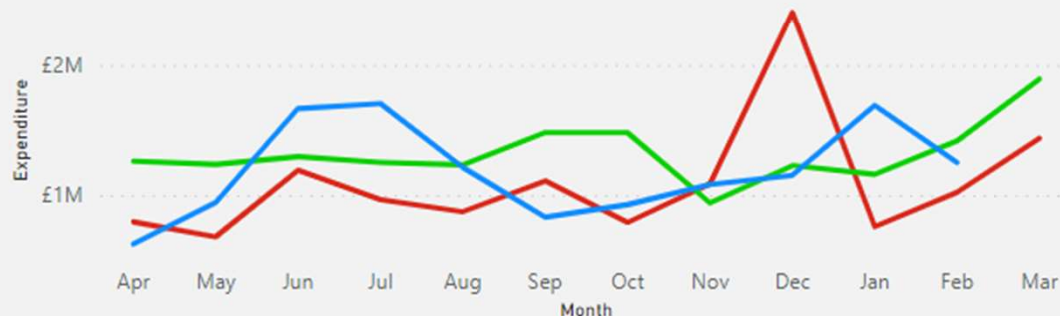
YTD Total by Category

YTD Invoices by Category



Expenditure by Month and Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year ● 21-22 ● 22-23 ● 23-24





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CORPORATE & OPS

£485K

Month Total

376

Invoices in Month

£6.5M

YTD Total

4,202

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£114,789
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£46,154
Tesla Motors Limited	£45,918
Grant Thornton Uk Lip	£28,990
Fireblitz Extinguisher Ltd (Fi...	£16,150
Constellia Public Limited	£14,069
Casanovas Recruitment Sol...	£12,461
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£11,477
Improvement & Developm...	£10,709
Capsticks Solicitors Llp	£8,679

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Managed Personal Protecti...	£120,368
Petrol and Diesel	£55,938
Fixed Assets Under Constru...	£45,918
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£41,580
External Audit Fees	£28,990
Reserve funded training	£23,785
Occupational Health	£21,425
Consultancy Fees	£16,124
Casual and Temporary Staff	£14,776
Departmental training (L&D)	£12,815

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Fire & Rescue Indemnity C...	£772,651
Volvo Car Uk Limited	£736,836
Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£644,541
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£502,963
Pulse Fitness Limited	£156,598
Cmt Flexibles Limited	£143,765
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£123,880
People Asset Management ...	£117,034
Waddington Brown Limited	£93,102
Fireblitz Extinguisher Ltd (Fi...	£88,950

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

Fixed Assets Under Constru...	£868,364
Managed Personal Protecti...	£654,134
Petrol and Diesel	£623,020
Risk Protection - EL PL Prop...	£454,151
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£413,017
Vehicle Risk Protection	£316,189
Fixed Assets Under Constru...	£295,648
Occupational Health	£258,326
Consultancy Fees	£224,849
Casual and Temporary Staff	£223,104

Points to note for February:

- Tesla – Vehicle purchase under CCS framework.
- Fireblitz Extinguisher – smoke alarm call off order.
- Improvement & Development Agency – Firefighter pensions Scheme Advisory Board.
- Capsticks Solicitors Llp – Legal support advice for the service through EM Lawshare framework.



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ICT

£363K

Month Total

72

Invoices in Month

£3.5M

YTD Total

722

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Airwave Solutions Ltd	£105,568
Virgin Media Business Limit...	£79,169
Support Warehouse Limited	£58,085
Arctic Shores Limited	£39,000
Daisy Updata Communicati...	£24,123
Kyocera Document Solutio...	£11,188
Civica Uk Ltd	£6,868
8X8 Uk Limited	£5,906
Silversands Limited	£5,870
Aggreko Uk	£4,938

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

IT Maintenance and Contra...	£234,451
IT Communications	£99,812
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£14,182
Consultancy Fees	£12,013
IT Consumables	£2,570
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£205
Media Expenses	£107

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Airwave Solutions Ltd	£862,959
Virgin Media Business Limit...	£505,813
Unit4 Business Software Li...	£222,510
Dell Corporation Ltd	£175,322
Learnpro Efireservice Limited	£124,150
Civica Uk Ltd	£121,048
Airbus Defence & Space	£111,928
Data Pro It Limited	£104,317
Daisy Updata Communicati...	£101,980
Support Warehouse Limited	£78,947

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

IT Maintenance and Contra...	£1,275,891
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£1,136,894
IT Communications	£541,567
Prepayments and Accrued I...	£137,098
IT Consumables	£117,800
Consultancy Fees	£86,589
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£54,636
Essex Digital Partnership	£48,460
Media Expenses	£10,286
Tools & Light Equipment	£9,075

Points to note for February:

- Airwave Solutions Ltd – Motorola CCCRS Operational services and licensing costs
- Virgin Media Business Limited – Software Defined Wireless Access Network
- Support Warehouse Limited – HP Enterprise and Nimble servers maintenance and support
- Silversands Limited – Access to Azure consultancy for Sharepoint Remediation
- Airbus Defence & Space – Technical Remote Consultancy



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PROPERTY

£403K

Month Total

384

Invoices in Month

£3.1M

YTD Total

2,763

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Munro Building Services Ltd	£91,800
Balm & Davies Ltd	£55,143
Environtec Limited	£51,240
Pinnacle Fm Limited	£43,706
Pick Everard	£21,417
Gardhams Property Services	£17,087
Ashe Green Civil Engineers ...	£16,485
C S Electrical Essex Ltd	£15,143
Kjp Uk Limited T/A One Co...	£13,521
Mark Walker (Grounds Mai...	£12,782

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Asset Protection	£132,640
Building Maintenance	£64,402
Building Cleaning	£45,566
Consultancy Fees	£40,366
Int Decs/Alts & Improveme...	£31,552
Planned Works	£29,448
Asset Improvements	£16,485
Water Services	£15,569
Grounds Maintenance	£14,137
Furniture and Fittings	£9,241

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Balm & Davies Ltd	£393,387
Bakers Of Danbury Contrac...	£231,422
Pick Everard	£217,934
Monthind Clean Lip	£205,898
Pinnacle Fm Limited	£174,882
Munro Building Services Ltd	£159,991
Lambert Smith Hampton	£125,175
Northumbrian Water Ltd (H...	£112,476
C S Electrical Essex Ltd	£111,649
Gardhams Property Services	£102,692

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

Building Maintenance	£613,370
Consultancy Fees	£499,340
Building Cleaning	£490,397
Planned Works	£410,669
Asset Improvements	£286,676
Water Services	£245,117
Asset Protection	£179,517
Int Decs/Alts & Improveme...	£116,157
Grounds Maintenance	£106,626
Furniture and Fittings	£91,093

Points to note for February:

- Munro - low value electric works, lighting installations and Southend boiler replacement
- Environtec – Asbestos works, majority of spend for Basildon ahead of boiler works
- Pick Everard – Training centre outline business case
- Ashe Green Civil Engineers – Waltham Abbey car parking provision



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
6 Months	£6,845,109	65
12 Months	£10,218,122	93
24 Months	£11,876,209	111

EXPIRED CONTRACTS

Top 10 Most Recently Expired Contracts

Contract Title	Contract Value

EXPIRING WITHIN 6 MONTHS

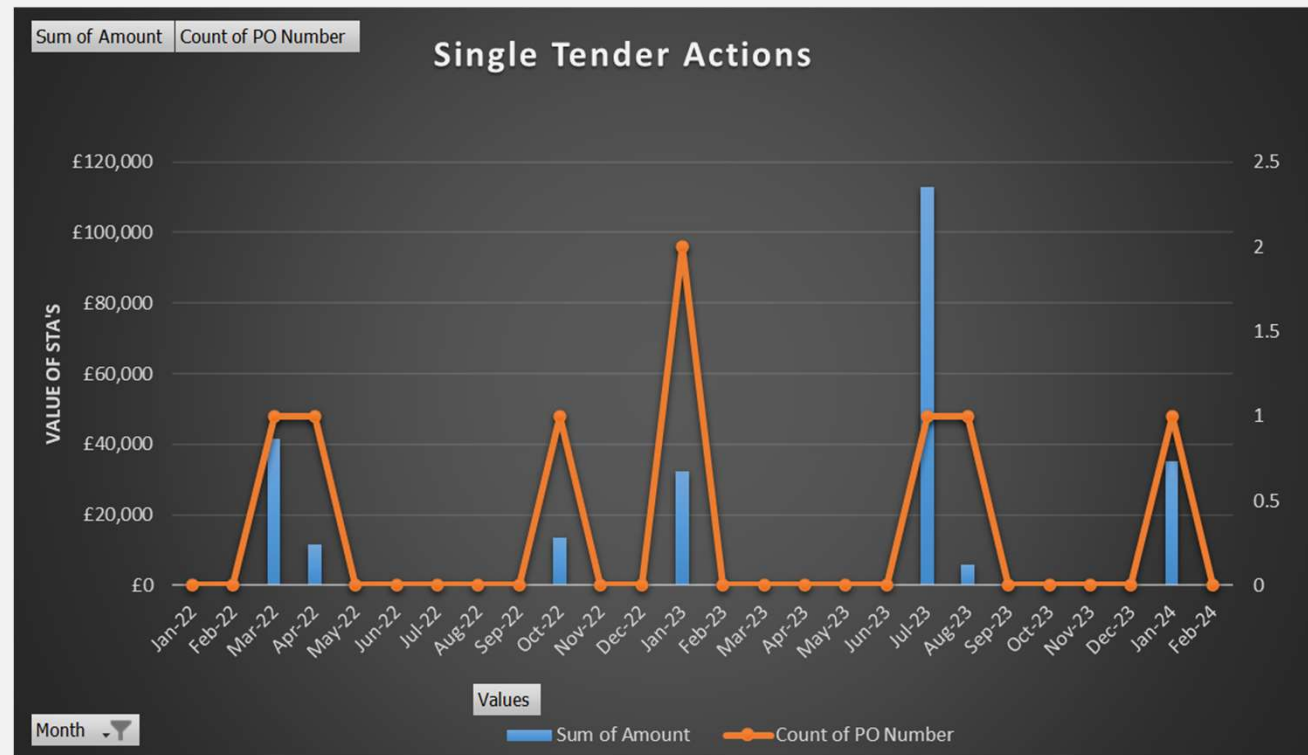
Top 10 contracts expiring in the next 6 months by Total Contract Value

Contract Title	Service Area/Dept	Status	Contract Value
Various Sites - Supply of electricity	Property Services	Out to tender	1,847,841
Various Sites - Supply of gas	Property Services	Out to tender	599,021
Contract for the Provision of PHEM D Training	Learning and Development	Under tender	500,000
1718/403B - Planned Preventative Maintenance Contract - Mechanical	Property Services	under review	421,651
Workforce management system	ICT	under review	310,721
Provision for emergency services fuel cards	Fleet Workshops	New contract starts March '24	289,001
The Provision of a Service Medical Advisor	Occupational Health	Extension agreed	242,401
Provision of external audit services	finance	Under tender	223,581
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Under review with 7F	205,501
Provision of HR & OD Business solution (HOBS)	ICT	Replacement in award stage	201,741



STA Status

There were no STAs in February 2024.



Source: Procurement monthly STA analysis