



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Procurement Dashboard

April 2024



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Executive Summary

The Procurement Act 2023 Update

Go Live date confirmed - The Cabinet Office are working towards a go live date of Monday 28th October 2024.

The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply held an event regarding preparation for the Act which the Category Procurement Manager attended. This gave a useful insight into what other public sector bodies are doing and where they are at in planning for the changes.

ERP

The team continue to support finance with the new finance system and assist with queries from the Service on the raising of purchase orders.

Workwear Timeline Update

Working through the evaluation and costings.

Expecting a 9 month roll out therefore looking at an estimate of the end of June 2025 for go live.

DATE	STAGE
1 st March 2024 – 30 th April 2024	Trials evaluation.
30 th April – 21 st May 2024	Trials evaluation scoring and consensus
10 th May	Consensus - quality written answers evaluation
15-16 th May	Demo of Portal systems
20 th May – working group	Evaluation & consensus for Show and Tell garments
22 nd May – 13 th June 2024	Final scoring consensus overall
13 th June 2024 - 28 th June 2024	Finalise sign off paperwork (decision sheet and Reg 84)
28 th June – 29 th August 2024	Request for authorisation to award, decision sheet sign off
30 th August 2024	Notification of proposed appointment to contract
30 th August – 9 th September 2024	Standstill period
>10 th September 2024	Contracts finalised and issued for signing



Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Passenger Lift Maintenance** - £6000 for 12 months, for passenger lift repair and maintenance across 5 sites where lifts are located these include Orsett, Leigh-on-Sea, Kelvedon Park, Benfleet and Southend. Finalising paperwork to direct award against the National Partnership Framework. A shorter term contract will allow for the option to combine passenger lift maintenance with the Planned Preventative Maintenance – Mechanical contract which is due to be tendered later this year,
- **BA Chambers Phase 3** – (Harlow) Following the successful standstill period, the contract draft process has started, once finalised it is to be signed by the PFCC. Work to start early June.
- **BA Chamber Cleaning Orsett**, Estimated costs £30,000 for cleaning and replacement fire resisting tiles in the live fire training rooms at Orsett. Request for Quotation process is underway.
- **Orsett Fire protection works**, Estimated £50,000 to provide and install fire protection to the building fabric at Orsett Fire Station. TJ Evers Ltd who are currently on site carrying out the refurbishment works will undertake these additional works and will carry out a request for quote process to obtain the best value for the Authority.
- **Water and Wastewater Supply & Billing Services** – £338,490 for a 3 year term with 2 twelve-month extensions, water supply and sewerage charges across all sites. In collaboration with 7 Forces Procurement. The decision sheet is will go to strategic board in June for approval.
- **Deep Lift and Sewerage Pits**, estimated cost £150,000, 3 year term with 2 twelve-month extensions. Preparation of ECFRS tender documents is underway and the evaluation of appropriate route to market has started.



ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Fleet Management System** – £16,000 - Requirement for the Fleet Management System renewal (Tranman). This was initially sought from the CCS RM1557.13 Framework but cheaper alternatives were found through a quote process as the requirement needed to have an on-premise solution.
- **Solarwinds** – £11,000 - Requirement for Network Management software as part of our IT Service Management following a request for quote process. Moved to a new provider and achieved savings of £1,000.
- **Mobilisation Technology** – estimated costs £700k - ICT and Project Manager working with Watch and Station Managers to finalise the specification for a replacement of old kit in fire stations. Expected to go out to tender in June 2024.
- **Call Mobilisation** – Budget still to be determined -Tender to commence in May 2024 for mobile alerting for Officers via the RM6116 Network Services III framework.
- **Resource Optimisation Tool** – Project brief agreed at Portfolio Management Board and exploratory work underway. Demonstrations set up with Lancashire and Surrey to see the value and the cost avoidance on resources from On-Call that would improve standard response times. Researching routes to market.



Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Fleet Workshops** –. Category management plan underway tackling main spend areas and process work has been developed with the fleet workshop team to ensure compliance with orders for parts and repairs. Part of the Category Management plan is focusing on areas of parts spend which are currently being collated and prepped for tenders to ensure compliance against the regulations for consolidated amounts of spend.
- **Workwear** – Wearer trials have taken place for operational trials for staff in Control, breathing apparatus instructors, Colchester and Chelmsford fire stations. The evaluation of these trials are now under review and consensus meeting planned. The timeline has been updated for this due to the availability of the wearers to manage consensus meetings. See executive summary slide for details. Demonstrations of the Portal system are scheduled for next month with the suppliers.
- **Thermal Imaging Cameras** – estimated costs £650k. Previous tender was terminated at award stage, tender preparation underway to re-run the tender with different requirements and evaluation criteria under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework.
- **End of Life Vehicles for RTC training** – Prior Information Notice was issued to the market and two premarket engagement events are scheduled for late May to gather interest ahead of the tender release. Communications have been sent internally to all stations to support gathering any contacts suitable for the premarket engagement.
- **Drysuits** – Mini competition run from KCS Rescue Equipment and Associated Services framework, awarded and contracted for £9k.
- **Light Portable Pumps** – request for information issued to the suppliers under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment to assist with budget planning and compiling a specification ready for a future tender.



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
Expired	£223,580	1
6 Months	£6,150,251	52
12 Months	£8,924,126	81
24 Months	£11,557,867	103

EXPIRED CONTRACTS

Top 10 Most Recently Expired Contracts

Contract Title	Contract Value
Provision of external audit services	223,580.00

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	To finish at the end of the term	1,847,840
Insurance	finance	To be renewed	1,267,050
Various Sites - Supply of gas	Property Services	To finish at the end of the term	599,020
Contract for the Provision of PHEM D Training	Learning and Development	Tender underway	500,000
Workforce management system	ICT	To be confirmed	310,720
The Provision of a Service Medical Advisor	Occupational Health	Extension underway	242,400
Cyclescheme	Executive Support	To be extended	150,000
8X8 G-Cloud 12 Call-Off Contract	ICT	To be extended	138,360
Fresh Service ITSM Tool	ICT	To be extended	136,040
Mobile Security	Property Services	Under review	135,150

The Grant Thornton (external audit contract) official contract dates have passed but the contract will run until the 22/23 accounts are signed off. We are working with 7 Forces to appoint a new auditor but we cannot sign a new contract until our 22/23 accounts are signed off.



STA Status

There were no STAs in April 2024.

