



Essex County  
Fire & Rescue Service

# Procurement Dashboard

## May 2024



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# Executive Summary

## The Procurement Act 2023 Update

- The announcement of the election does not affect the new regulations - the regulations were approved in the House of Commons and House of Lords in May and the Act was signed then too. This means that the go live date of the 28th October 2024 is still correct.
- Confirmation received from the Cabinet Office that we can continue to state a higher limit on our procurement procedures that we advertise above the figure set in the new regulations, for example we currently advertise above £50,000 (unless using a framework), the new Procurement Regulations has a lower limit, but we can state a higher limit that we will advertise over. Procurement Strategy and Constitution updates coming.
- National Procurement Policy Statement has been updated and issued, this document sets out the strategic priorities for public procurement and how contracting authorities can support their delivery. The statement will come into effect on 28 October 2024 alongside the new Procurement Act.
- Working through understanding some of the key changes under the new regulations, i.e. pre-market engagement, assessment summaries (standstill letters / contract award letters), payment compliance notices and estimating the value of a contract.
- Blue Light Commercial (BLC) have confirmed that they will be supporting FRS's with templates, we await a list of what will be available and therefore what templates we need to produce.
- BLC are also going to be sending out letters to the market, we await the list of companies that they will be approaching so we know who we need to contact and do not duplicate comms. The Cabinet Office are pushing out information to public sector suppliers too.
- The National Procurement Hub has formally moved under BLC, they will be retaining the category approach which has been a great resource to us. BLC also offer a large amount of training courses on a variety of procurement topics.



## Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Building Condition Surveys** – estimated costs £450,000 for condition report surveys on each site across the entire estate over a four-year programme. Workshops carried out in May to identify reporting requirements to be used to create a specification. The procurement process is due to start in July, procurement routes being considered.
- **Security Site Audit** – estimated costs £25,000, request for quote for consultancy to review the security set up across all sites and produce a report to identify potential weaknesses to the physical security of our estate, suggesting potential improvements. This review will be carried out across Brentwood Fire Station, Chelmsford Fire Station, Kelvedon Park, Newport Fire Station and Workshops & USAR, these sites will be used as a model for the whole estate.
- **Water Treatment and Legionella Compliance** – estimated costs £35,000 for three years to review water hygiene across all sites, reporting on findings, highlighting risk and providing recommendations of where work or repairs are required. Review of procurement route options is underway.
- **Knight Frank** - £8,000 – Grays market appraisal awarded under CCS framework RM6168 Estate Management Services.



# ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Fire Risk Management System** – £149,280. Renewal awarded to Civica UK Ltd for the system procured via the CCS RM1557.13 Framework (G-cloud 13)
- **IT Health Check** – estimated costs £50,000 - Supplier engagement required for Control Room Airwave Code of Connection resilience and network penetration. The procurement is being run as a request for quote.
- **Fleet Management System** –£16,000. Renewal awarded to Civica UK Ltd for the fleet management system, Tranman. This renewal based on negotiation, contract review and benchmarks was decided to remain as an on-premise system for the next year.
- **Asset Tracking Solution** – Prior Information Notice drafted and published to obtain information from developers, manufacturers and subject matter experts of new and developing technologies that assist in the inventory management of all appliances.
- **Facilities Management System** – Original requirement reviewed for procurement via the CCS RM1557.13 Framework (G-Cloud13) with Concerto for the Facilities Management Software. Further internal engagement with London Fire Brigade for information to possibly expand requirement.



# Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Fleet Workshops** – New process in place and embedded for spares and repairs order approvals with the fleet workshop team to ensure compliance. Category management plan being developed focusing on consolidated spend areas for parts and repairs, as well as capital program vehicle specifications.
- **Workwear** – Evaluations and consensus meetings for the trial sample garments have been held, the consensus for the quality questions and demonstrations is scheduled for next month. The Reg 84 report and Decision Sheet are being prepared for the SLT board in August and Strategic Board in September.
- **Thermal Imaging Cameras** – estimated costs £650,000. Further competition run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework, demonstrations and presentations taken place as part of the evaluation process.
- **End of Life Vehicles for RTC training** – estimated costs £350,000 - Prior Information Notice was issued to the market and two premarket engagement events were held in late May to gather interest ahead of the tender release. Five suppliers attended these events and provided feedback regarding the specification for the tender. Suppliers also offered support for the vehicles in the interim to ensure training could continue whilst the tender is run.
- **PHEM D training** – estimated costs £505,000 over 4 years -Tender was run under the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service national framework, now awarded and in standstill.
- **Light Portable Pumps** – request for information that was issued to the suppliers under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment closed with 3 companies responding. Information passed to Technical Services 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	£6,291,116	55
12 Months	£8,547,827	81
24 Months	£11,341,437	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	Under review	1,847,840
Insurance	finance	To be renewed	1,267,050
Various Sites - Supply of gas	Property Services	Under review	599,020
Contract for the Provision of PHEM D Training	Learning and Development	Tender awarded, under standstill.	500,000
Workforce management system	ICT	To be confirmed	310,720
The Provision of a Service Medical Advisor	Occupational Health	Extension underway	242,400
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Benchmarking ongoing	228,000
8X8 G-Cloud 12 Call-Off Contract	ICT	To be extended	138,360
Mobile Security	Property Services	Under review	135,150
Funding Agreement for Education and Training	L&D	To finish at end of contract	129,740

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 May 2024.

