



Essex County  
Fire & Rescue Service

# Procurement Dashboard June 2024



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# Executive Summary

## **The Procurement Act 2023 Update**

Due to the election, there are some delays in the release of documentation that was promised but this has been confirmed that all final guidance documents and supporting training manuals will be issued by the end of July.

Bluelight Commercial have shared their supplier page on their website which provides a great resource for the new regulations and have given permission for us to add a link to our website. We will be updating the procurement section on the ECFRS website and rather than duplicate information for suppliers on the Act we will link to the BLC web page. BLC are also going to be hosting a supplier event which we will publicise amongst our suppliers too.

The list of templates that Bluelight Commercial and the Cabinet Office will be producing has been announced but they are not expected until August/September.

Updates to the constitution are being made and PFCC engagement to be set up in due course.

## **Other Updates**

Pipeline review for FY24/25 completed for the Corporate and ICT Category to ensure departments aligned and workload across the team identified and bottlenecks managed.

Business Continuity desktop exercise completed for denial of service.



# Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Planned Preventative Maintenance (Mechanical)** - Planned Preventative Maintenance. Estimated £1,000,000, 3-year term with 2 twelve-month extensions, across all sites for the repair, servicing, supply, installation and maintenance of mechanical equipment. Technical specification received from Ingleton Wood and are now under review with the property lead, preparation of the tender documents has started, and work is being carried out to identify and confirm an accurate asset list. Working towards publishing the tender early August.
- **Passenger Lift Maintenance** – Estimated £21,000 3-year term contract, To undertake the provision of a full, comprehensive, Preventative Maintenance, Corrective Maintenance, Service and Repair and Emergency Call-out Service at Orsett Fire Station, Southend Fire Station, Leigh-on-sea Fire Station and Benfleet Fire Station. Contract currently under review with Zurich due to the technical aspects, planned Direct Award to Precision Lifts Ltd via the National Framework Partnership.
- **Engineering Inspections** – Estimated £30,000 for a 3-year term across all sites, to carry out all Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) and Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER). Potential Direct award to Zurich via YPO as part of the collaboration with Kent and Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Work is currently underway to identify the asset list across all sites in-order to obtain an accurate quotation.
- **Security Site Audit** – Estimated £5,000 - three quotations received, and the evaluation started to appoint consultants to review the security set up across 5 sites and produce a report to identify potential weaknesses to the physical security of our estate, suggesting potential improvements and measures. 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 to review the rest of the estate. Work due to start late July.



# ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Information Governance SharePoint Data Cleansing** – Estimated budget £15,000 - requirement for consultancy work for SharePoint site data cleansing due to the risk associated with permissions granted within the SharePoint environment. Costs are expected to increase due to ICT unavailability to perform this task. Possible procurement via the CCS Digital outcomes 6 framework.
- **Cyber Security Framework** – Essex Digital Partnership requirement for councils, police and fire for a cyber security and safeguarding managed service. Requirements made by the Home Office for resilience were discussed in the process and procurement advice was provided on available frameworks and possible routes to market.
- **Station End Equipment** – Expected cost of £650,000. Options are being reviewed for a route to market.
- **IT Health Check** – £21,600. Code of Connection resilience awarded to supplier Citation Cyber after Request for Quotation process with ICT's Security Manager. Work to begin in July as part of the Home Office Airwave resilience requirements.
- **Mobile Display Terminals (MDTs)** – Expected cost of £265,000. Current MDTs are reaching end of life, and a replacement is needed of all MDTs across the estate. Identified possible framework as route to market for a compliant purchase. Requirements currently being drafted for a potential further competition.
- **Asset Tracking Solution** – Expected cost of £300,000. Prior Information Notice presentations completed, and stakeholders have started drafting requirements for a potential future published requirement.



# Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **PHEM D training** – estimated costs £505,000 over 4 years -Tender was run under the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service national framework, contract signed and under implementation.
- **Trainers** provision for operational fitness use estimated costs £42,000. Request for quote run, 4 suppliers responded, under evaluation with fitness team to provide interim solution whilst full footwear tender being prepared for release Q3-4 FY2024/25.
- **Trench Training** for USAR estimated costs £40,000 – request for quote run, 2 bids received and evaluation underway.
- **Overalls, Mats and Roller Towels - laundry service for Fleet Workshops.** Request for quote run, estimated costs for 2+1 years approx. £24,000, responses currently under evaluation.
- **Workwear**, demonstrations for the portal held, final evaluation consensus meetings underway and the Regulation 84 report and Decision Sheet are being prepared for the SLT board in August and Strategic Board in September.
- **Fleet Workshops** – capital review for vehicles and equipment underway, identifying routes to market and timeline preparation for operational vehicle asset board working group, with ICU vehicle preparation being prioritised for open tender.



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# CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
Expired	£223,580	1
6 Months	£6,096,120	50
12 Months	£8,529,024	78
24 Months	£11,673,459	99

## 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

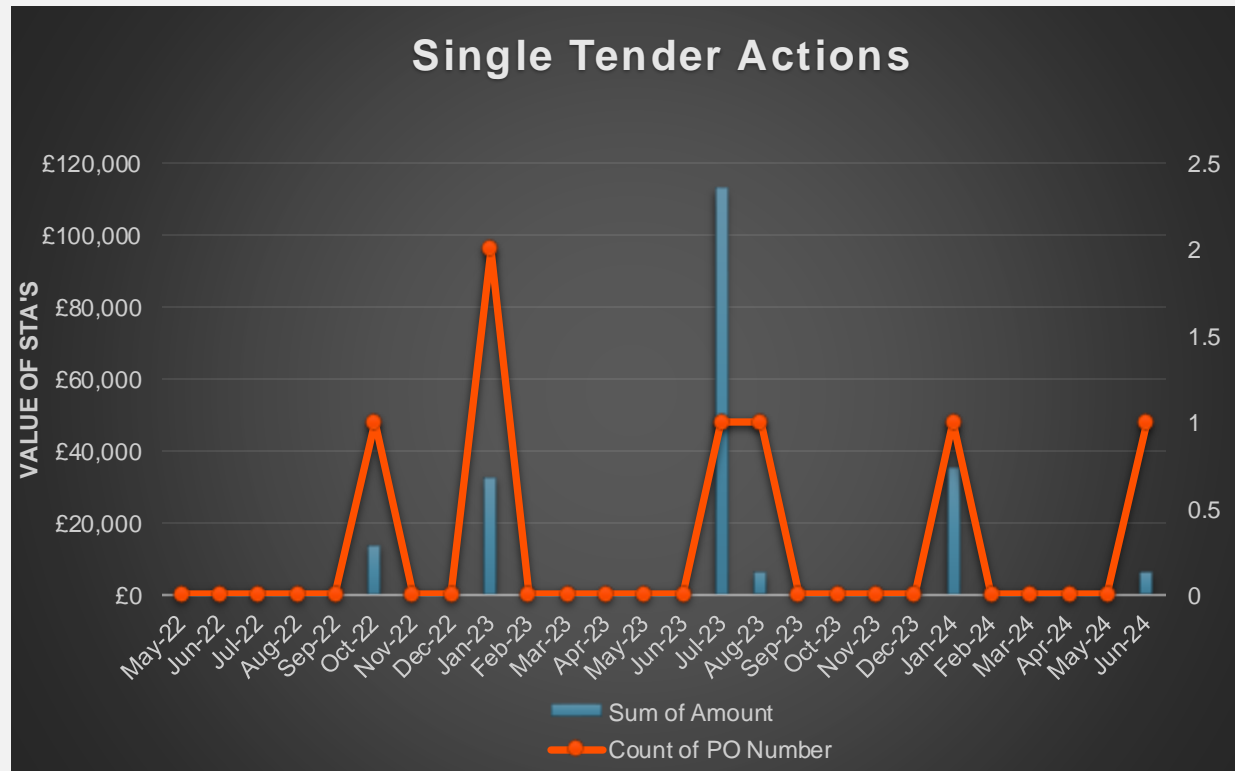
Contract Title	Service Area/Dept	Status	Contract Value
Various Sites - Supply of electricity	Property Services	To finish at end of contract	1,847,840.00
Insurance	finance	To be renewed	1,267,053.50
Various Sites - Supply of gas	Property Services	To finish at end of contract	599,028.00
E-Learning licensing	ICT	To be renewed	518,933.00
Workforce management system	ICT	To be confirmed	310,725.00
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Benchmarking ongoing	228,000.00
Renewal of Boilers and Associated Works at Basildon Fire Station	Property Services	To finish at end of contract	158,251.70
Funding Agreement for Education and Training	L&D	To finish at end of contract	129,742.10
FIRE0649 laundry workwear	technical services/stores	To finish at end of contract	112,000.00
ECFRS00227 Applicant Tracking System - Cornerstone	ICT	To be extended	93,510.00

Statement of accounts signed off for 2022/23, proceeding to finalise the appointment of the new external auditor.



# STA Status

There was one STA in June 2024



Scania training requirement for Fleet Workshops to carry out warranty repairs on behalf of the Service ensuring minimum downtime. No one other than Scania can carry out this training.





## Appendix A – Savings for Q1 FY24/25

Procurement Category	ECFRS Savings Classification	Value of Savings	Savings Description
Corporate & Fleet	Cost Avoidance	£9,480.64	Shared cost additional voluntary contribution scheme for members of the local government pension scheme
Corporate & Fleet	Cashable Savings	£5,775.02	Price reduction
ICT	Cashable Savings	£25,110.00	Price reduction
	<b>Cost Avoidance Total</b>	<b>£40,365.66</b>	



## Appendix B – Collaboration Data for Q1 FY24/25

Essex Fire examples of collaboration from April 2024 – June 2024

### **Procurements where we have joined a 7 Forces contract:**

- Legal Services.

### **Contracts Awarded under a Framework:**

- KCS – supply and maintenance of dry suits.
- NHS SBS – asbestos management.
- National Framework Partnership – passenger lift servicing and maintenance.
- CCS RM1557.13 – fire risk management information system.
- CCS RM6259 Airbus SafeCommand.
- CCS RM6244 vehicles.

### **Other Collaboration Activity:**

- Supporting Bluelight Commercial (BLC) on the new framework lease agreement, fleet were part of the evaluation panel.
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue shared their incident command unit specification and tender pack to help support our tender requirements and specification development.
- Wales Fire and Rescue shared their tender pack for the PPM of bay doors to assist with compiling our tender pack.
- Greater Manchester Fire Recue Service shared their specification for the installation, PPM and back office system of EV charging points with our Environmental officer to support our future procurement process.
- Meeting with Zurich and Herts Fire and Rescue, Kent Fire and Rescue and Beds Fire and Rescue for insurance asset tracking support.