



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Procurement Dashboard

July 2024



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Executive Summary

The Procurement Act 2023 Update

The e-learning manuals and templates have been delayed with them now expected in August and September respectively.

There is no commitment from the Cabinet Office that the new supplier platform will be ready ahead of go live for suppliers to enter their details, we do not have any procurements to be advertised that would fall under the regulations immediately at go live.

To clarify, we will continue to work under the current Public Contract Regulations past the Act go live. Whether the procurement is covered by PCR 2015 or the Act depends on when the contract award notice is published. If the contract award notice is published before the 28th October 2024 it will be covered by PCR 2015. Frameworks that have a published contract award notice before the 28th October will be covered by PCR 2015 for the life of the framework.



Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Building Condition Surveys** – Estimated costs £250,000 for condition report surveys on each site across the entire estate over a one-year programme, to include additional options on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys. The outcome of the reports will inform and provide direction on the Property Capital Plan Programme. Tender documents are in the final stage of review. A further competition process will run under the Fusion 21 framework, Consultants, Lot 2 Stock Monitoring and Appraisal in early August.
- **Workplace Improvement Programme, Southend Fire Station** – Estimated costs £800,000. For the full internal refurbishment of Southend Fire Station. Tender documents are in final stage of review. A further competition process will run under the Fusion 21, Refurbishment, Construction, New Build and Modular Buildings Framework - Lot 1D Internal/External Refurbishment for the East of England geographical region. Procurement documents are due to be published the first week of August.
- **Planned Preventative Maintenance, Weathersfield and Orsett Training Facilities** – Estimated costs £250,000. 2 year term with a view to extend for a further 3 years in blocks of 12-month periods, for the repairs of the live fire training facilities at Weathersfield and Orsett, as well as the ongoing planned preventative maintenance of facilities at both sites. The first specification draft review has taken place with Training, to ensure all elements of the requirements were captured. The second draft specification is due the first week in August. Preparation of the tender documents is under way.
- **Decontamination Project, Washing Machines, Consultancy** – Estimated £33,000. One Consulting Group (OCG) were appointed via the LHC, Multi – Disciplinary Consultancy Framework, Lot 9 Project management, Direct Award, to carry out the end-to-end procurement of fire station surveys, supply of washing machines and full installation to include making good.



ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Psychometric Testing** – Estimated costs of £150,000. A requirement for renewal or replacement for the Psychometric Testing ability software Artic Shores is under way. A further competition is expected under the KCS Framework Y23065 for Software Products and Associated Services in late August.
- **999 and Call Traffic circuits** – Estimated costs of £80,000. Incumbent supplier British Telecom is closing ISDN circuits for phone lines as the move from Copper cabling analogue connections phase out in October 2025. Currently all phone traffic is handled by control room. A supplier search for a replacement using existing fibre optic lines from the SD-WAN is underway to replace this. Ongar and Kelvedon Park are both being viewed for replacement.
- **Station End Equipment** – Estimated costs of £650,000. Supplier identified for award via the KCS Framework Y21028 IT Hardware. Requirements are being discussed with supplier for a proposal to be technically reviewed with ICT for further progress.
- **Mobile Display Terminals (MDTs)** – Estimated costs of £265,000. Current MDT assets have been failing as part of extending their use beyond their life, a replacement is needed of all MDTs across the estate. An expected further competition within the KCS Framework Y21028 IT Hardware will proceed after internal queries resolved. Expected to go to tender in August.
- **Property Asset Management Software** – Awarded at cost of £135,000. Renewal of Concerto property software for a 3 year agreement awarded via the Crown Commercial Service framework RM1557.13 G-Cloud 13. This secures the continuation of service for the Concerto Property Asset Management software with an additional 3 years with an optional 12 month extension.



Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Trainers** estimated costs £45,000 - provision for operational fitness use. Awarded and contracted for interim solution, whilst full footwear tender being prepared for release Q3-4 FY2024/25.
- **Overalls, Mats and Roller Towels - laundry service for Fleet Workshops.** estimated costs approx. £24,000, for 2+1 years under evaluation following request for quote process, awaiting samples for review.
- **Fleet Workshops**
 - Capital purchase, estimated costs £104,000 for 3 electric Volvo's for Area Managers contract, including pricing rates for spare parts from identified manufacturer distributors.
 - Blue light installations for the 3 Volvo's, estimated costs £15,000 following a Request For Quote process.
 - Timeline preparation for Operational Vehicle Asset Board Working Group, with Incident Command Unit vehicle preparation prioritised for open tender.
- **RTC (End of Life Vehicles) Supply for operational training**
 - Estimated costs £100,000 for an interim solution whilst the tender is run, awarded to two suppliers to support all stations and Wethersfield training centre.
 - Estimated costs £350,000 for the tender for the ongoing supply, three year contract split into Lots to cover all stations and Wethersfield Training Centre, went live as of 25th July.
- **Light Portable Pumps** – estimated value £160,000 – tender preparation begun with Technical Services to plan the procurement process which will be run as a further competition under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment.
- **Leadership training** – estimated spend £50,000 – request for quote process underway for leadership training. Supporting Learning and Development to obtain 3 competitive quotations to our budget envelope and for the training to be completed by the end of the financial year.



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
Expired	£223,580	1
6 Months	£5,775,527	43
12 Months	£8,516,844	86
24 Months	£12,202,124	104

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	1,847,840.00
Insurance	finance	Under Review	1,267,053.50
Various Sites - Supply of gas	Property Services	To finish at the end of the term	599,028.00
E-Learning licensing	ICT	Out to tender	518,933.00
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Under Benchmarking by 7F	228,000.00
Renewal of Boilers and Associated Works at Basildon Fire Station	Property Services	To finish at the end of the term	158,251.70
Mobile Security	Property Services	Under Review	135,157.00
FIRE0649 laundry workwear	technical services/stores	To finish at the end of the term	112,000.00
Workplace from Facebook licence provisioning and partnership	ICT	To end at term	99,574.00
ECFRS00227 Applicant Tracking System - Cornerstone	ICT	To be extended	93,510.00



STA Status

There were no STAs in July 2024.

