



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Procurement Dashboard October 2023



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Executive Summary

The Procurement Act 2023

The Procurement Bill received Royal Assent on the 26th October, officially making the Bill into an Act of Parliament. Secondary legislation is to be laid in Parliament in early 2024 and it is still anticipated that the new regulations will come into effect from October 2024, after a 6 month preparation period.

The Procurement team are now working on preparations to get ready for the new Act. In October the Category Procurement Manager, a Category Manager and the Chief Financial Officer attended a conference regarding the upcoming changes and differences in the new Act compared to the current regulations.

The Category Procurement Manager has also joined the Bluelight Commercial superuser group.

Business Continuity Plans

Working with the Business Continuity Advisor Procurement are contacting all identified key suppliers from across the Service that have been listed on business continuity plans to obtain a copy of their plans.

Tender Pack Question Update

Reviewing tender packs to create a set of standard questions in the following areas:

- Equality and diversity
- Transparency
- Appropriate financial metrics



Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Live Fire Training** – Procurement Strategy report produced for the route to market options.
- **Orsett Fire Station Fire Risk Assessment & Whole Time Fire Station Refurbishment** – Decision sheet approved. Contractor pre-start meetings scheduled and underway, works started at the end of October.
- **PPM Electrical** – Estimated costs £670k over 4 years - contracts prepared and provided to the PFCC for signing. Contract start date agreed for 6 November 2023.
- **Basildon and Grays boilers** – Estimated costs Basildon £150K and Grays £80k, works to be completed by March 2024. Evaluations ongoing due to clarifications.
- **External Redecoration and Drill Tower Repairs** - Estimated costs £200k, to be completed by March 2024. Evaluations ongoing due to clarifications.
- **Engineering Inspections** – total cost £9,535 - awarded 12-month contract under the YPO Engineering Inspection Services framework to allow time to review the current asset list before going out for a longer term contract.
- **Postage** – Current contract with Quadriant for 5 franking machines is due to expire March 2024. Review underway to look at alternative options via Royal Mail direct vs Crown Commercial Service Framework.



ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Organisation Social media platform** – Investigating other options to Workplace, options being investigated include those that are part of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.
- **Effective Command** – Review of Effective command software agreement with NFCC and Cardiff University collaboration option of THINCS Effective Command software. Potential expected savings of £8,000 per annum.
- **Multi Agency Incident Transfer (MAIT) Adoption** – With the new Control system now live, within it there is a MAIT module aimed to improve response times. The system is available under an NFCC Procurement Framework and demos have been requested. This would replace the incumbent standalone system and would create eligibility of the Home Office grant to further reduce costs for Control. Decision to award likely to be in December.
- **Operational Command Assessment and Training (CCTV)** – Creation of requirements for the installation of the Operational CCTV monitoring system for control and Incident Command Unit operatives. Expected to go out to tender in November with budget of £150,000, operational training reserve decision sheet will be presented.
- **Station End Equipment** – Statement of requirements are being drawn up ready to participate in a joint procurement exercise with Suffolk Fire and Rescue on the Station End Equipment.



Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Workwear** – tender launched in September, Stage 1 clarifications closed, awaiting tender proposals on the 27th November.
- **Public Perception Survey** – £159k over 2 years - tender awarded in October with standstill ending on the 10th November.
- **Apprenticeships** – Operational Firefighter apprenticeship, tender to be launched in November for the apprenticeship funding provider with ECFRS as the supporting trainer. This will be tendered under the Crown Commercial Services Apprenticeship Dynamic Market Place - RM6102. Contract to cover 2 year with + 1+1 extension options.
- **PHEM D training** – estimated costs £350-£400k over 4 years - tender launched end of October under the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service national framework.
- **Thermal Imaging Cameras** – estimated costs £650k - Tender launched in September, evaluation took place in October, in collaboration with Herts and Suffolk Fire Services. This is being run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework. Decision sheet will be presented for approval to proceed to award.
- **P2 High Density Chipboard for Hot Fire Training** – estimated costs £135k, 2 year contract with 2 x 1 year extension options - Tender launched October 2023 due to close November 2023.



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SUMMARY SUPPLIER SPEND

Based on Supplier Invoicing

£927.5K

Month Supplier Spend

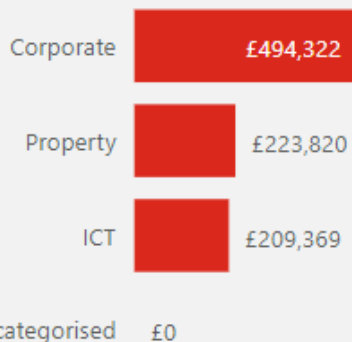
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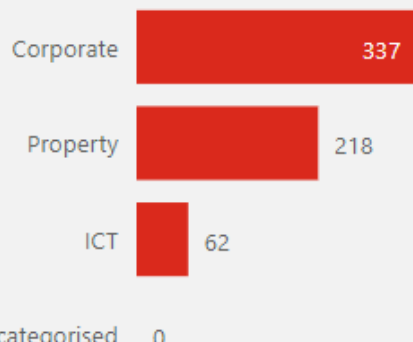
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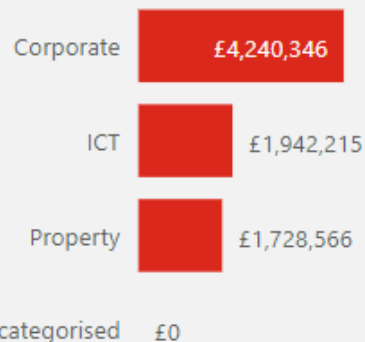
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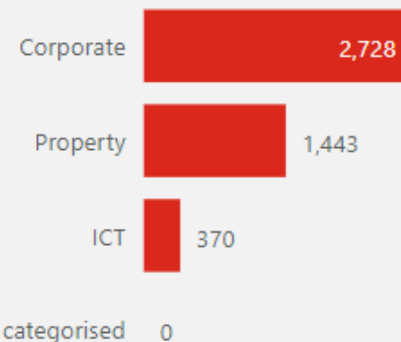
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YTD Total by Category

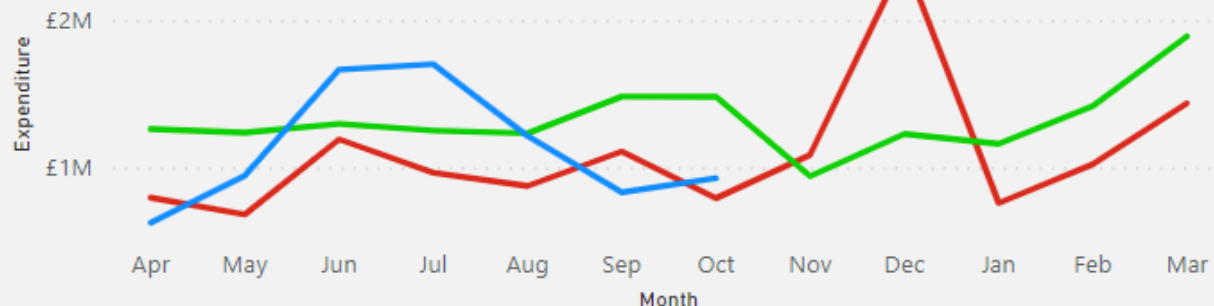


YTD Invoices by Category



Expenditure by Month and Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year ● 21-22 ● 22-23 ● 23-24





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CORPORATE & OPS

£494K

Month Total

337

Invoices in Month

£4.2M

YTD Total

2,728

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£114,818
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£59,501
College Of Policing Ltd	£35,439
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£13,882
Tendring Recycling	£12,725
Rsm Uk Risk Assurance Ser...	£12,701
Capsticks Solicitors Llp	£12,615
Waddington Brown Limited	£12,288
Fireblitz Extinguisher Ltd (Fi...	£11,200
Interspiro Ltd	£10,912

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Managed Personal Protecti...	£114,883
Petrol and Diesel	£72,019
Consultancy Fees	£39,281
Essex Resilience Forum	£35,439
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£32,178
Casual and Temporary Staff	£27,429
Operational training item r...	£23,900
Occupational Health	£23,779
Operational Equipment Su...	£17,232
Hospitality & Entertaining	£13,611

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Volvo Car Uk Limited	£736,836
Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£410,292
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£322,527
Pulse Fitness Limited	£156,598
Cmt Flexibles Limited	£143,765
Waddington Brown Limited	£81,609
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£75,056
People Asset Management ...	£74,614
Toyota Gb Plc	£67,673
Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene ...	£63,325

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£822,447
Managed Personal Protecti...	£411,461
Petrol and Diesel	£397,015
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£295,648
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£261,089
Consultancy Fees	£194,448
Occupational Health	£163,848
Casual and Temporary Staff	£145,259
Operational Equipment Su...	£140,495
Community Safety	£129,637

Points to note for October:

- Interspiro Ltd – Breathing Apparatus
- College of Policing Ltd – multi service command training.
- Tendring Recycling – provision of end-of-life vehicles for road traffic accident training.



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ICT

£209K

Month Total

62

Invoices in Month

£1.9M

YTD Total

370

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Virgin Media Business Limit...	£91,346
Bt Business Direct	£24,423
Silversands Limited	£12,500
Ecoonline Sypol Limited	£12,130
Telemaster Ltd	£11,492
Caci Limited	£10,998
Tv Licensing	£8,427
8X8 Uk Limited	£5,907
Work Networks Limited	£4,898
Breeze Office Solutions	£4,084

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£91,556
IT Maintenance and Contra...	£42,064
IT Communications	£36,047
Consultancy Fees	£22,490
IT Consumables	£11,245
Operational Equip-Initial P...	£3,335
Subscriptions - Corporate	£2,495
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£137

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Virgin Media Business Limit...	£373,525
Airwave Solutions Ltd	£231,693
Dell Corporation Ltd	£165,832
Airbus Defence & Space	£107,678
Civica Uk Ltd	£84,898
Unit4 Business Software Li...	£79,500
Remsdaq Ltd	£73,772
Data Pro It Limited	£63,869
Radiocoms System Ltd	£60,317
Freshworks Inc	£42,571

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

IT Maintenance and Contra...	£789,399
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£553,146
IT Communications	£309,575
IT Consumables	£80,204
Consultancy Fees	£59,279
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£54,636
Essex Digital Partnership	£45,460
Subscriptions - Corporate	£14,687
Tools & Light Equipment	£9,075
Recruitment	£6,302

Points to note for October:

- Virgin Media Business Limited – SD-WAN costs for additional civils work
- BT Business Direct Ltd – BAU replacement of tablets and phones
- Silversands Limited – Reactive support for Microsoft software.
- Ecoonline Sypol Limited – Extension of Alcumus COSHH software.
- Work Networks – Workplace Social Media Platform



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PROPERTY

£224K

Month Total

218

Invoices in Month

£1.7M

YTD Total

1,443

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Balm & Davies Ltd	£36,641
Monthind Clean Llp	£32,769
Oakpark Security Systems L...	£23,457
Hs Door Systems Ltd	£21,401
Pinnacle Housing	£18,860
C S Electrical Essex Ltd	£12,628
Gardhams Property Services	£10,100
Northumbrian Water Ltd (H...	£9,974
Ingleton Wood Llp	£8,688
Blake Contractors Ltd	£7,187

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Building Maintenance	£63,406
Planned Works	£61,878
Building Cleaning	£56,813
Furniture and Fittings	£10,178
Water Services	£9,974
Consultancy Fees	£8,688
Grounds Maintenance	£7,284
Asset Protection	£2,825
Fuel Pump Maintenance	£1,316
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£1,175

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Balm & Davies Ltd	£249,258
Bakers Of Danbury Contrac...	£231,422
Monthind Clean Llp	£203,862
Pick Everard	£110,849
Hs Door Systems Ltd	£70,288
Munro Building Services Ltd	£67,698
Gardhams Property Services	£66,254
C S Electrical Essex Ltd	£64,087
Northumbrian Water Ltd (H...	£64,084
Mark Walker (Grounds Mai...	£59,769

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

Building Maintenance	£368,357
Building Cleaning	£294,618
Planned Works	£270,204
Asset Improvements	£270,191
Consultancy Fees	£217,440
Int Decs/Alts & Improveme...	£72,565
Water Services	£64,206
Grounds Maintenance	£63,220
Furniture and Fittings	£60,692
Asset Protection	£22,780

Points to Note for October:

- Oak Park – Orsett security forms 83% of this month's spend.
- HS Doors – Monthly cost is made up of 1 door replacement, 1 motor replacement and other general door repairs.
- Ingleton Wood – Consultancy support on 5 projects.



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
6 Months	£6,291,387	66
12 Months	£11,204,812	109
24 Months	£12,345,292	124

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
Monthly Wan Services	ICT	To finish at the end of the term	2,080,000.00
1718/403B - Planned Preventative Maintenance Contract - Mechanical	Property Services	Under review	421,653.00
E-Learning licensing	ICT	To be extended	394,783.00
Hitachi CRM Support Contract for Water Hydrants	ICT	To finish at the end of the term	334,895.00
Provision for emergency services fuel cards	Fleet Workshops	BLC framework tender underway	289,000.00
Provision of End of Life Vehicles	Training	Extension available	255,338.00
Provision of external audit services	finance	To finish at the end of the term	223,580.00
Provision of HR & OD Business solution (HOBS)	ICT	Under review	201,747.50
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Under review with 7 Forces	200,000.00
ECFRS00270 Fire Station SFF PC	ICT	To finish at the end of the term	175,979.00



STA Status

There were no STAs in October 2023.

