



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Procurement Dashboard

January 2024



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Executive Summary

The Procurement Act 2023 Update

The Category Procurement Manager attended a Transforming Public Procurement research session for Crown Commercial Services to provide feedback on their approach to helping and keeping public sector procurement teams informed on the new Act. This was a good opportunity for us to directly feedback what support we need and how we have found the information shared from CCS so far.

A CIPFA training course was attended by the Category Procurement Manager, this training provided a great overview of the upcoming changes and will help us to prepare to get ready for the Act.

Other updates

The Procurement team have been attending training on the new finance system and assisting with data set up for the UAT sessions.

Procurement Alliance for Essex meeting took place in January where a collaboration opportunity was discussed with Essex County Council, shared learning and round table discussion on areas of work across the public sector organisations in Essex in attendance, the Procurement Act is a standing agenda item.



Property / FM Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Electric Vehicle Chargers** – Quote requested against KCS framework, Y21002 - Electric Vehicle Charging Points & Associated Services, estimated £50,000 for Electrical vehicle chargers and £7,000 for line marking. For the supply and Installation of electric vehicle charging points and line marking at key sites Basildon, Braintree, Chelmsford, Clacton, Grays, Harlow, Leaden Roding, Leigh, Orsett, Rayleigh, Saffron Walden, Southend and Wivenhoe fire stations for electric and hybrid vehicles.
- **Internal Decorations** - Wivenhoe minor works are now underway. Internal Decorations at Hawkwell Fire Station will start on 5 February 2024 and Rayleigh Weir on 12 February 2024. Work is due to complete by 31 March 2024.
- **External Decorations** – Estimated £150,000. Final clarifications were requested from bidders and the final evaluation will conclude by early February.
- **Contract Review Meetings** – Contract meetings took place in January for CLC Facilities Limited, Pinnacle Facilities Management and Zest waste Management. These are scheduled in as per the contract terms and procurement will support the property team as required in these meetings.
- **Consultancy Supplier Meeting** – Procurement met with one of our consultancy suppliers to discuss upcoming contracts and roles and responsibilities.
- **Supplier Grouping** – working with the property team to rationalise the existing supplier list, grouping into Hard and Soft Facilities Management, with the view to consolidate multiple suppliers.



ICT Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Mobile Display Terminals Mapping Software** – Renewal sought for contract with Airbus for the MDT SafeCommand software. Awarded via the Crown Commercial Service RM6259 Vertical Application Solutions framework Lot 5: Blue Light Solutions. Contract in award stage for £140,000.
- **Fire Risk Management Information System** – Renewal sought by Systems and Data Manager led Procurement to search for a compliant route to market for the replacement of the Fire Risk Management System. G-cloud 13 has been proposed with draft requirements to search against and tender to begin February 2024.
- **Mobile Display Terminals Crash Recovery System** – Award for Moditech Crash Recovery system software sought via frameworks. Software found from various 3rd party resellers, but none offer an integration into the Airbus SafeCommand software. Further review to be carried out in February 2024 for a suitable route to market for renewal of 12 months.
- **Fleet integration to new Finance System** – Fleet System integration from Civica for Tranman into the new finance system.
- **On Premise Server Support** – budget £50,000 - Request for quotation from suppliers for the Hewlett Packard Enterprise on premise servers and Nimble server products. To be awarded following quotations from 3 Gold Partner Suppliers.



Corporate Services and Operations Category Headlines

Work progressing on the following projects:

- **Workwear** – First set of samples received and under evaluation. The second stage evaluation preparations are underway with measurements for operational trials being gathered from staff in Control, Colchester and Chelmsford fire stations and breathing apparatus instructors.
- **PHEM D training** – estimated costs £505k over 4 years -Tender was run under the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service national framework. Decision sheet being finalised ready to be presented for approval to proceed to award.
- **Thermal Imaging Cameras** – estimated costs £650k - Tender closed, evaluation complete, in collaboration with Herts Fire Service only as Suffolk Fire Service withdrew from the tender. This is being run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework. Decision sheet being finalised ready to be presented for approval to proceed to award.
- **Positive-Pressure Ventilation Fans** – estimated cost £130k – Tender awarded and in standstill at the end of January, this was run by Suffolk Fire Service under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework.
- **Fog spikes/Piercing Lances** – estimated cost £70k – Tender open, hot fire testing being undertaken on the 2nd Feb, with final submission of supporting documentation due 16th February.
- **Layflat hoses** – estimated £120k – Tender being run under the NFCC National Emergency Response Equipment Framework, the tender closes on the 16th February.
- **End of Life Vehicles for RTC training** – following supply issues from our current contract supplier a tender is being prepared for release mid-February.
- **Driving Licence checks** – contract under review with Information Governance, working with the team to finalise the terms and conditions



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SUMMARY SUPPLIER SPEND

Based on Supplier Invoicing

£1.7M

Month Supplier Spend

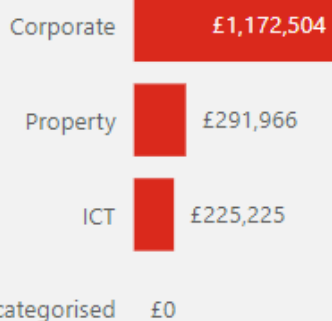
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Invoices

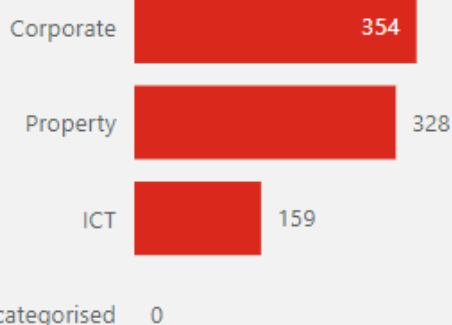
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Month Total by Category



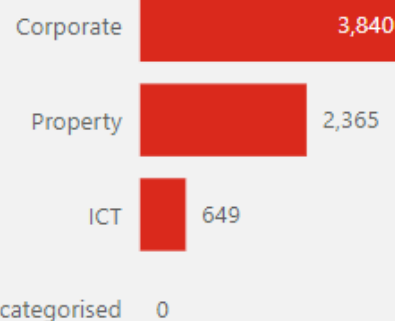
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YTD Total by Category

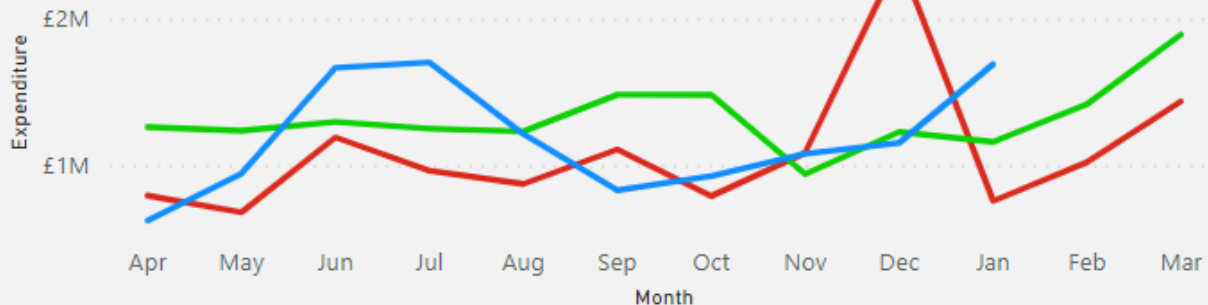


YTD Invoices by Category



Expenditure by Month and Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year ● 21-22 ● 22-23 ● 23-24





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CORPORATE & OPS

£1M

Month Total

354

Invoices in Month

£6.1M

YTD Total

3,840

Invoices YTD

MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

Top 10 Suppliers (Month)

Fire & Rescue Indemnity C...	£766,571
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£59,960
Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£57,409
Cipher Medical Consultanc...	£27,400
Constellia Public Limited	£17,977
Lex Autolease Ltd	£16,364
The Korn Ferry Hay Group ...	£12,950
Rsm Uk Risk Assurance Ser...	£12,701
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£11,776
Interspiro Ltd	£11,184

Top 10 Nominals (Month)

Risk Protection - EL PL Prop...	£444,456
Vehicle Risk Protection	£316,189
Petrol and Diesel	£69,927
Managed Personal Protecti...	£60,509
Externally provided operati...	£38,035
Consultancy Fees	£32,697
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£26,926
Occupational Health	£21,491
Leasing Charges	£16,364
Risk Protection - Third Part...	£15,461

Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)

Fire & Rescue Indemnity C...	£772,651
Volvo Car Uk Limited	£736,836
Bristol Uniforms Ltd Re Bris...	£529,752
Certas Energy Uk Ltd	£456,809
Pulse Fitness Limited	£156,598
Cmt Flexibles Limited	£143,765
Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	£112,403
People Asset Management ...	£109,080
Waddington Brown Limited	£93,102
Randstad Solutions Limited	£79,042

Top 10 Nominals (YTD)

Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£822,447
Petrol and Diesel	£567,082
Managed Personal Protecti...	£533,767
Risk Protection - EL PL Prop...	£454,151
Stocks & WIP (Purchasing ...	£371,437
Vehicle Risk Protection	£316,189
Fixed Assets Under Constr...	£295,648
Consultancy Fees	£267,286
Occupational Health	£236,901
Casual and Temporary Staff	£208,327

Points to note for January:

- Fire & Rescue Indemnity Company Ltd – Insurance
- Certas Energy UK Ltd – Bulk fuel for bunkers
- Korn Ferry Hay Group Ltd – Job evaluation training and role reviews.
- Interspiro – spare parts and repairs for breathing apparatus



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ICT

£225K

Month Total

159

Invoices in Month

£3.1M

YTD Total

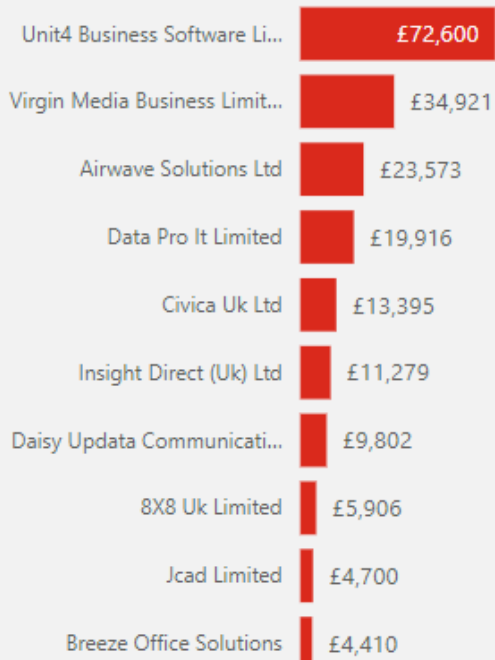
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Invoices YTD

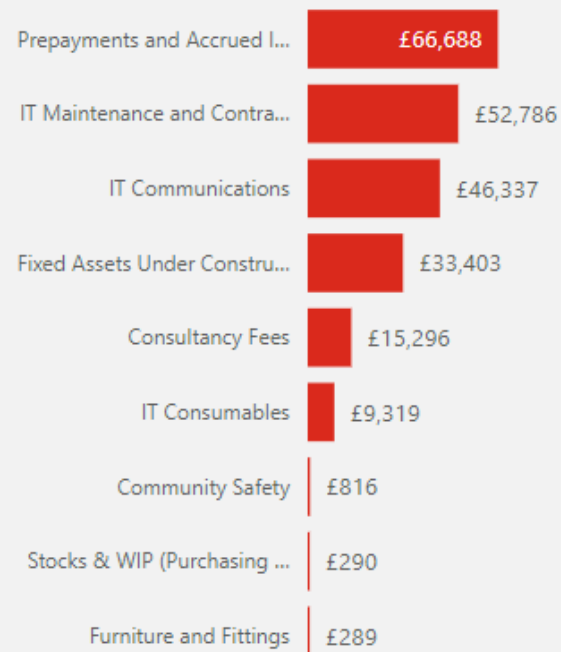
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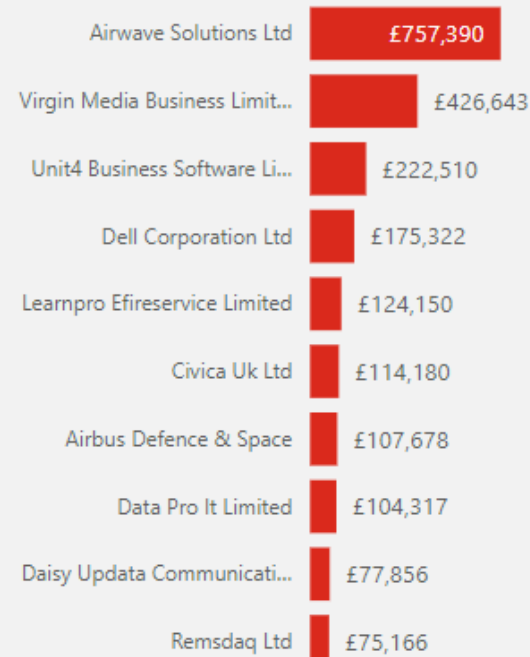
Top 10 Suppliers (Month)



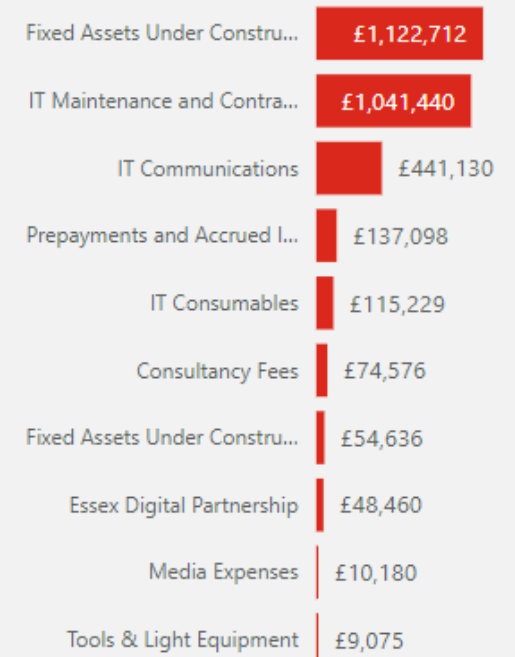
Top 10 Nominals (Month)



Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)



Top 10 Nominals (YTD)



Points to note for January:

- Unit4 Business Software Limited – Call off for finance system implementation and UAT
- Virgin Media Business Limited – Circuits cost rental charges for SD-WAN
- Airwave Solutions Ltd. – SAN- J uplift charges from SAN-A radios from Home Office
- Insight Direct UK Ltd – Adobe Creative Cloud renewal
- Jcad Limited – CFRMIS Development consultancy of 5 days.



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PROPERTY

£276K

Month Total

314

Invoices in Month

£2.6M

YTD Total

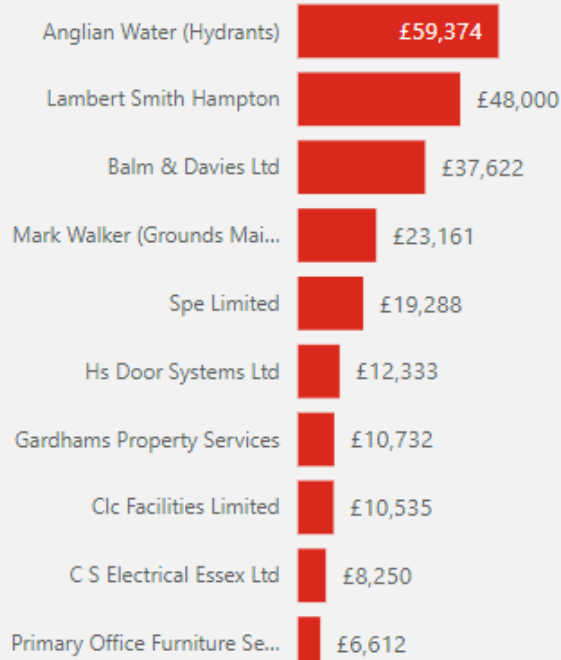
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Invoices YTD

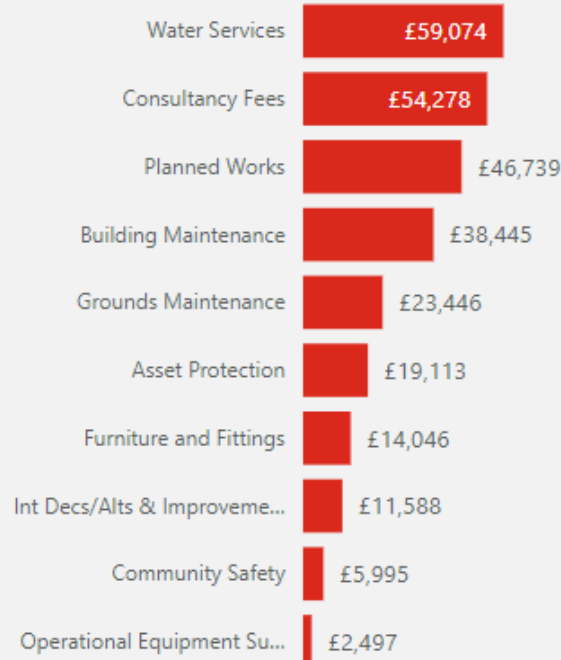
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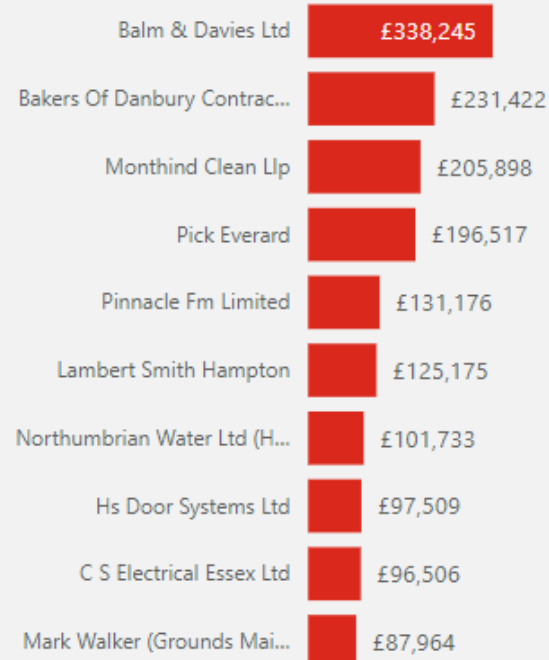
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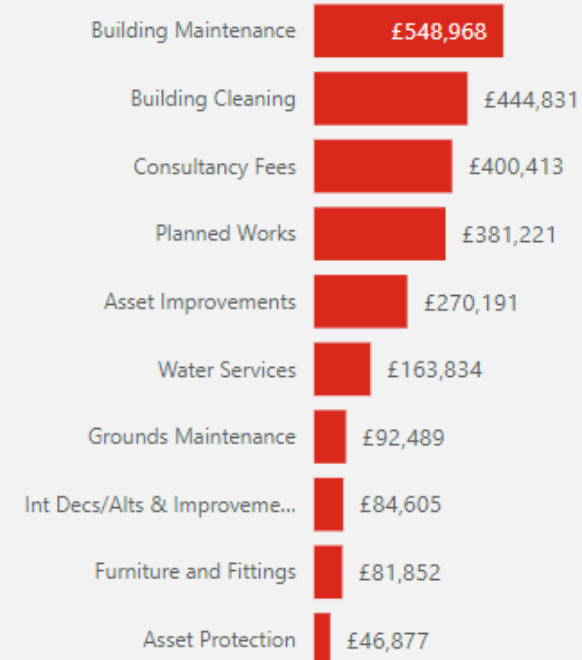
Top 10 Nominals (Month)



Top 10 Suppliers (YTD)



Top 10 Nominals (YTD)



Points to note for January:

- Anglian Water (Hydrants) – various hydrant repairs and charges
- Lambert Hampton Smith – building reinstatement cost assessment measurement survey 2023/24
- Spe Limited – deep lift pit emptying and interceptor servicing at various sites
- HS Doors – door repairs and call outs at various stations
- Primary Office Furniture – furniture disposal and transfer of furniture to Southend



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Expiration Period	Contract Value	Number Expiring
6 Months	£5,284,682	64
12 Months	£12,717,133	102
24 Months	£14,716,929	124

EXPIRED CONTRACTS

Top 10 Most Recently Expired Contracts

Contract Title	Contract Value

EXPIRING WITHIN 6 MONTHS

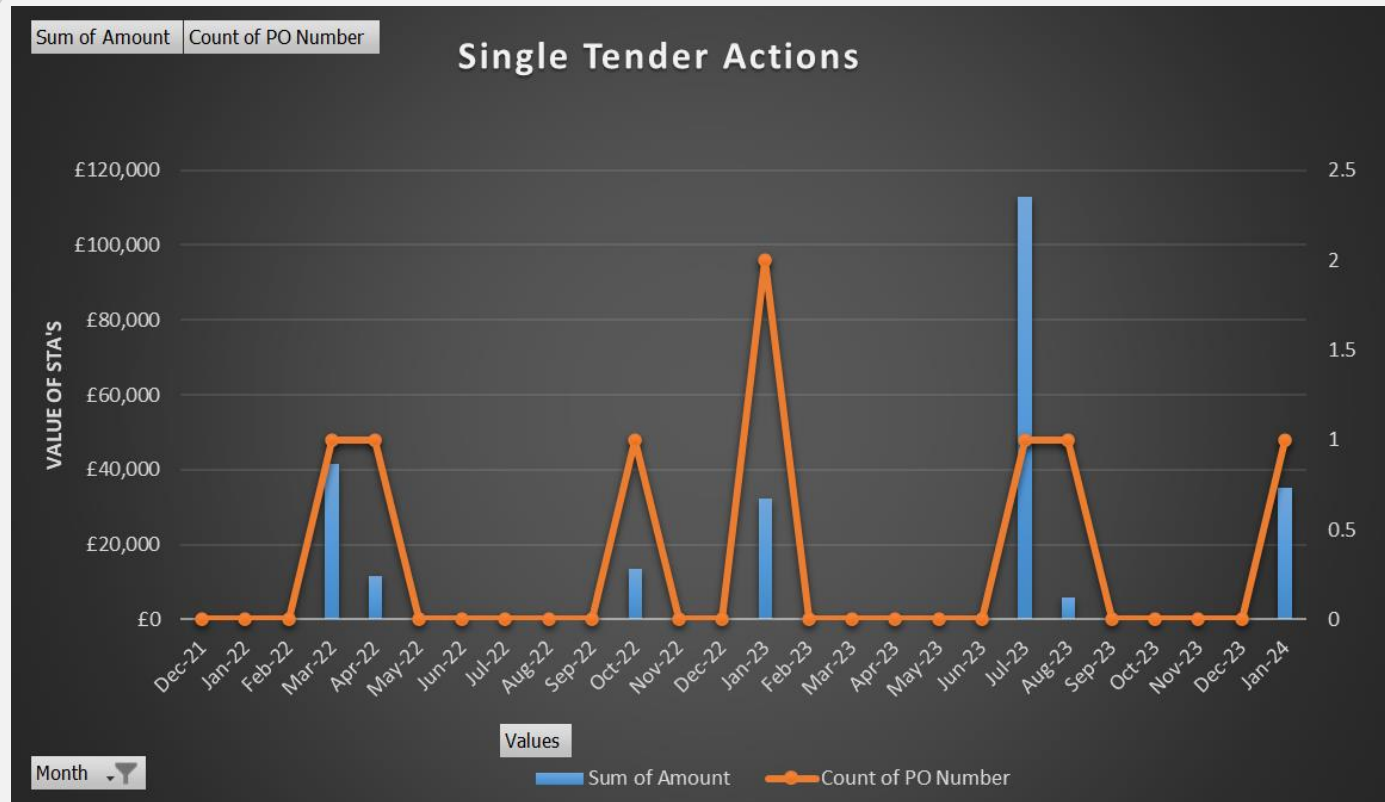
Top 10 contracts expiring in the next 6 months by Total Contract Value

Contract Title	Service Area/Dept	Status	Contract Value
2021/465 Dormitory & FRA Works at Orsett Fire Station	Property Services	To finish at the end of term	543,390
Contract for the Provision of PHEM D Training	Learning and Development	Out to tender	500,000
1718/403B - Planned Preventative Maintenance Contract - Mechanical	Property Services	Preparing for tender	421,650
Hitachi CRM Support Contract for Water Hydrants	ICT	RFQ in progress	334,890
Workforce management system	ICT	Under review	310,720
Provision for emergency services fuel cards	Fleet Workshops	Finalising new call off agreement	289,000
The Provision of a Service Medical Advisor	Occupational Health	Extension in progress	242,400
Provision of external audit services	Finance	To finish at the end of term	223,580
LOT 4 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (ECFRS)	Purchasing & Supply	Under review	205,500
Provision of HR & OD Business solution (HOBS)	ICT	Out to tender	201,740



STA Status

There was one STA in January 2024.



The STA was for the Property Services team, the OxyReduct in the main server room has failed (located below Control) meaning that this room has no fire prevention system. The system was designed and installed by Wagner. The most cost effective and feasible solution, would be to utilise the existing OxyReduct carcass and replace all equipment within it as new, thereby removing the need for potential structural alterations to the server room. If using an alternative company this would mean a brand-new system would need to be installed, this would be at a higher cost and lead time to ECFRS.