

Decision Maker: EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS PDS COMMITTEE

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: Corporate Contract Register

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Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report presents May 2020's Corporate Contracts Register for consideration.
 - 1.2 Detailed scrutiny of individual contracts is the responsibility of the six PDS Committees but E&RC PDS takes an overview of the Council's larger value (£200k+) contracts to ensure that commissioning and procurement activity is progressed in a consistent manner. This report provides both the Council wide £200k+ register together with the £50k+ register specific to the E&RC Portfolio.
 - 1.3 The Contracts Register presented in 'Part 2' of this agenda includes a commentary on each contract to inform Members of any issues or developments.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee:

- 2.1 Notes that the appended Contract Register forms part of the Council's commitment to data transparency and includes commentary some of which may be commercially sensitive.
- 2.2 Notes the content of this report.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: The Corporate Contracts Register covers all Council services: both those used by all residents and those specifically directed towards vulnerable adults and children. Addressing the impact of service provision on the vulnerable is a matter for the relevant procurement strategies, contracts, and service delivery rather than this summary register.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal:
 2. Ongoing costs: - N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head:
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): -
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: -
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Improves the Council's approach to contract management
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Corporate & PDS Contracts Registers

- 3.1 The appended Corporate Contracts Register details key information on the Council's 145 active contracts with a Total Contract Value (TCV) greater than £200k, as of 4th May 2020, when the database snap-shot was taken. Each PDS committee meeting will receive an extract from the CBD of its active contracts with a TCV greater than £50k.
- 3.2 The Register is generated from the Contracts Database (CDB), which is administered by Commissioning & Procurement Directorate but populated by the relevant Contract Managers.
- 3.3 As a Commissioning Council, this information is vital to facilitate an accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of the Council's procurement activity, opportunities and costs.
- 3.4 A full list of the Council's active contracts held on the Contracts Database (irrespective of value) will be uploaded to Bromley.gov.uk immediately following this meeting as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to data transparency.
- 3.5 The next Contracts Register will be presented to members in July 2020.

Contract Register Summary

- 3.6 As you will see from the latest Contracts Database Register (attached) as 4th May 2020 the Council had 145 active contracts, of which 0 of those contracts have been flagged for the attention of the Contract Manager.

Item	Category	October 2019	January 2020	May 2020
Contracts (>£200k TCV)	All Portfolios	149	151	145
Flagged as a concern	All Portfolios	1	0	0
Capital Contracts	All Portfolios	5	3	1
Portfolio				
	Adult Care and Health	62	61	58
	Children, Education and Families	15	18	16
	Environment and Community Services	11	12	12
	Executive, Resources and Contracts	36	36	36
	Public Protection and Enforcement	5	5	5
	Renewal and Recreation and Housing	20	19	18
Total		149	151	145
Risk Index				
	Red	12	13	12
	Amber	69	71	66
	Yellow	62	59	59
	Green	6	8	8
Total		149	151	145
Procurement Status				
	Red	40	47	63
	Amber	39	34	10
	Yellow	18	16	17
	Green	52	54	55
	Imminent	3	2	0
Total		152	153	145

- 3.7 Contract Managers and Directors will need to keep all flagged contracts under review.
- 3.8 For the Executive, Resources and Contracts Portfolio as of the 4th May 2020 the Portfolio had 57 Contracts, of which none of those contracts have been flagged for the attention of the Contract Manager.

Executive, Resources and Contracts

Item	Category	October 2019	January 2020	May 2020
Total Contracts	£50k+	55	55	57
Concern Flag	Concern Flag	0	1	0
Risk Index				
	Red	3	3	3
	Amber	11	11	12
	Yellow	22	24	24
	Green	19	17	18
Total		55	55	57
Procurement Status				
	Red	13	18	11
	Amber	4	1	1
	Yellow	4	2	7
	Green	34	34	38
Total		55	55	57

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS & CHILDREN

- 4.1 The Corporate Contracts Register covers all Council services: both those used universally by residents and those specifically directed towards vulnerable adults and children. Addressing the impact of service provision on the vulnerable is a matter for the relevant procurement strategies, contracts, and delivery of specific services rather than this summary register.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council's renewed ambition is set out in the 2016-18 update to [Building a Better Bromley](#) and the Contracts Database (and Contract Registers) help in delivering the aims (especially in delivering the 'Excellent Council' aim). For an 'Excellent Council', this activity specifically helps by 'ensuring good contract management to ensure value-for-money and quality services'.

6. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Officers are required to update the Database with information on contracts with a TCV greater than £50k (officers may also add contracts with a TCV greater than £5k). The Database helps to ensure that procurement activity is undertaken in a timely manner, that Contract Procedure Rules are followed and that Members can systematically scrutinise procurement activity.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Contracts Database and Contract Registers are not primarily financial tools – the Council has other systems and reports for this purpose such as the Budget Monitoring reports. That

said, the CDB and associated Registers do contain financial information, both in terms of contract dates and values and also annual budgets and projected spend.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no direct personnel implications but the Contracts Database is useful in identifying those officers directly involved in managing the Council's contracts.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no direct legal implications but the Contracts Database identifies those contracts which have a statutory basis and also those laws which should be complied with in delivering the contracted services.

9.2 A list of the Council's active contracts may be found on Bromley.gov.uk to aid transparency (this data is updated after each Contracts Sub-Committee meeting).

Non-Applicable Sections:	None
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Appendix 1 –Contracts Database Background information Appendix 2 – Contracts Database and PDS Extract PART 1

Appendix 1 - Contracts Register Key and Background Information

Contract Register Key

1.1 A key to understanding the Corporate Contracts Register is set out in the table below.

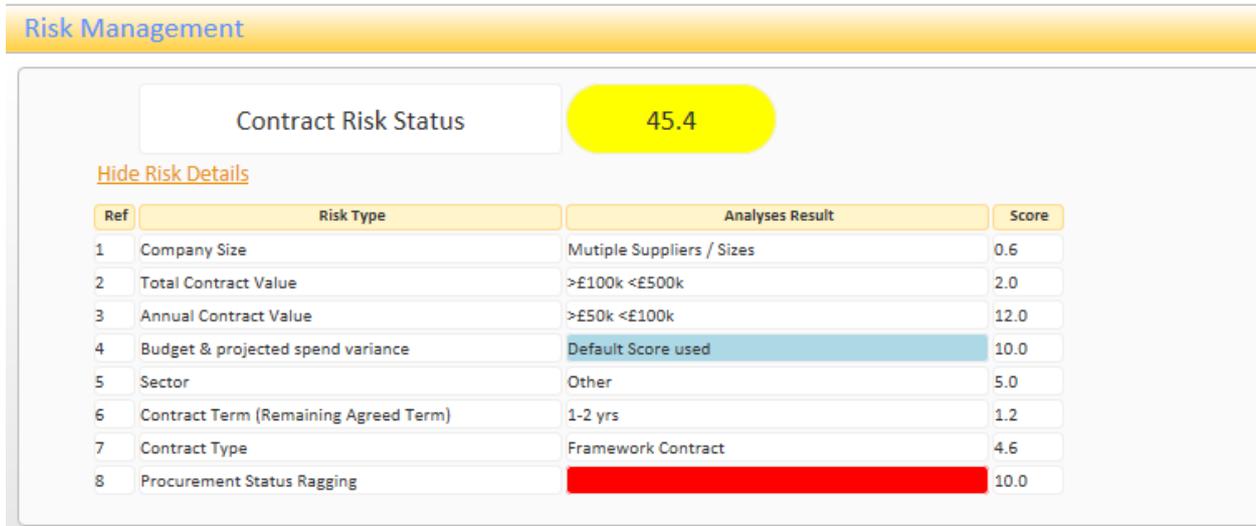
Register Category	Explanation
Risk Index	Colour-ranking system reflecting eight automatically scored and weighted criteria providing a score (out of 100) / colour reflecting the contract's intrinsic risk
Contract ID	Unique reference used in contract authorisations
Owner	Manager/commissioner with day-to-day budgetary / service provision responsibility
Approver	Contract Owner's manager, responsible for approving data quality
Contract Title	Commonly used or formal title of service / contract
Supplier	Main contractor or supplier responsible for service provision
Portfolio	Relevant Portfolio for receiving procurement strategy, contract award, contract monitoring and budget monitoring reports
Total Contract Value	The contract's value from commencement to expiry of formally approved period (excludes any extensions yet to be formally approved)
Original Annual Value	Value of the contract its first year (which may be difference from the annual value in subsequent years, due to start-up costs etc.)
Budget	Approved budget for the current financial year. May be blank due to: finances being reported against another contract; costs being grant-funded, complexity in the finance records e.g. capital (also applies to Projection)
Projection	Expected contract spend by the end of the current financial year
Procurement Status	Automatic ranking system based on contract value and proximity to expiry. This is designed to alert Contract Managers to take procurement action in a timely manner. Red ragging simply means the contract is nearing expiry and is not an implied criticism (indeed, all contracts will ultimately be ragged 'red').
Start & End Dates	Approved contract start date and end date (excluding any extension which has yet to be authorised)
Months duration	Contract term in months
Attention 	Red flag indicates that there are potential issues, or that the timescales are tight and it requires close monitoring. (also see C&P Commentary in Part 2)
Commentary	Contract Managers provide a comment – especially where the Risk Index or Procurement Status is ragged red or amber. Commissioning & Procurement Directorate may add an additional comment for Members' consideration <i>The Commentary only appears in the 'Part 2' Contracts Register</i>
Capital	Most of the Council's contracts are revenue-funded. Capital-funded contracts are separately identified (and listed at the foot of the Contracts Register) because different reporting / accounting rules apply

Contract Register Order

1.2 The Contracts Register is output in Risk Index order. It is then ordered by Procurement Status, Portfolio, and finally Contract Value. Capital contracts appear at the foot of the Register and 'contracts of concern' (to Commissioning & Procurement Directorate) are flagged at the top.

Risk Index

- 1.3 The Risk Index is designed to focus attention on contracts presenting the most significant risks to the Council. Risk needs to be controlled to an acceptable level (our risk appetite) rather than entirely eliminated and so the issue is how best to assess and mitigate contract risk. Contract risk is assessed (in the CDB) according to eight separate factors and scored and weighted to produce a Risk Index figure (out of 100). These scores are ragged to provide a visual reference.



Procurement Status

- 1.4 A contract's Procurement Status is a combination of the Total Contract Value (X axis) and number of months to expiry (Y axis). The table below is used to assign a ragging colour. Contracts ragged red, amber or yellow require action – which should be set out in the Commentary. Red ragging simply means the contract is nearing expiry and it is not an implied criticism (indeed, all contracts will ultimately be ragged 'red').

		Procurement / Commissioning Status					
		£5k - £50k	£50k - £100k	£100k - £173k	£173k - £500k	>£500k	
Period	3 months						<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Requires an agreed plan <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: orange; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Develop / test options <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: yellow; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Consider options <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> No action required </div>
	6 months						
	9 months						
	12 months						
	18 months						
		Total Contract Value					