



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 11th April 2019

To the Chair and Members of the
AUDIT COMMITTEE

BREACHES AND WAIVERS TO THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
		Yes/No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This Report provides Members with details of all the waivers and breaches to the Financial Procedure Rules (FPR's) and the Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's) for the period **1st September 2018** to the **28th February 2019**.
2. The table below summarises the number of new waivers and breaches recorded for each Directorate since the last audit report presented in **October 2018**. The details of each waiver and breach are summarised in the appendices to this report.

Period 1st September 2018 to the 28th February 2019	Breaches	Waivers
Adults, Health & Wellbeing	1	10
Learning & Opportunities: Children & Young People	0	3
Corporate Resources	0	3
Regeneration & Environment	3	9
GRAND TOTAL	4	25

EXEMPT REPORT

3. This report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. To note the information and actions contained in this report regarding waivers and breaches in relation to the FPR's and CPR's.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

5. There are no specific implications within this report with regards to waivers or breaches.

BACKGROUND

6. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) monitors compliance with the CPR's and FPR's via an update from the Strategic Procurement Team and Finance, detailing any reported waivers of the CPR's and FPR's and instances of breach.

CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES (CPR'S)

7. The Council's CPR's state the following thresholds where commensurate competition should be undertaken by officers to ensure that value for money is being achieved:-
 - **Up to £5,000** - use of an in-house supplier, Council wide contract, framework agreement or direct award where possible to a Doncaster based organisation.
 - **Between £5,000 and £25,000** – use of an in-house supplier, Council wide contract, framework agreement or obtain three verbal quotes one of which must be from a Doncaster based organisation (a record of quotes is to be maintained);
 - **Between £25,000 and £181,302** use of an in-house supplier, Council wide contract, framework agreement or obtain three written quotes one of which must be from a Doncaster based organisation where the above is not available;
 - **Over £181,302** use of an In-house supplier, Council wide contract, framework Agreement or carry out a formal tender process.
8. Whilst the EU thresholds are set within the legislation and, therefore, cannot be waived, it is recognised that from time to discretionary thresholds within CPR's may be a barrier to the delivery of the service and, therefore, Council officers can request that the CPR's are waived in specific instances via a CPR waiver report, which is approved by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the following permissible exemptions.

- a. the goods, services or works are proprietary in nature (i.e. where only one supplier can supply the product or services);
- b. the contract is for goods, services or works that are required in circumstances of extreme urgency;
- c. the circumstances of the proposed procurement are covered by legislative exemptions (whether under EU or UK. law);
- d. there are other circumstances that are genuinely exceptional

Breaches to CPR's

9. Breaches arise from either the aggregation of spend with one supplier going over pre-prescribed limits, a complete absence of any identifiable contract, a failure to comply with requirements to obtain adequate competition or an extension of contract beyond its agreed term or lifetime.
10. It is therefore important that steps are taken to ensure breaches are identified, investigated and plans quickly put in place to rectify the position. A summary report is produced for each breach and detail actions required to be taken, including where necessary the decommissioning of contracts.
11. There have been **four** new breaches, as well as updates on **four** existing unresolved breaches and **five** resolved breaches.
12. **Appendix 1** shows the details of the new, unresolved and resolved breaches for this period.

Update to Breaches previously reported

13. In **October 2018**, there were **three** new breaches of the CPR's reported to Audit Committee as well as updates on **six** existing unresolved breaches and **three** resolved breaches.

Waivers to CPR's

14. **Twenty-five** waivers to CPR's have been approved this period (see Appendix 2 for the detail of each waiver) compared to **twenty-one** in October 2018.
15. The waivers detailed in this report have been reviewed and agreed either by the Chief Financial Officer & Assistant Director - Finance, or the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (for waivers linked to the Finance Department).

REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS ABOVE £5,000

16. The Strategic Procurement Team (SPT) continues to work closely with all Directorates to improve procurement practices and provide assurance that arrangements are robust and compliant with the CPR's. Where waivers and breaches are identified, they are recorded and added to the SPT Category Plan (Procurement Plan) and actions agreed. A structured Training

Programme has been designed and will be rolled out in 19/20 which will focus on compliance taking into account the agreed revisions to the CPRs, basic procurement skills, promoting better procurement and contract management practices.

17. The SPT Service Review which accumulated in a new structure designed to better meet the Councils demand for the procurement service, to ensure a robust approach to governance and compliance along with promoting better procurement practices is now fully populated.

18. Increased governance around checking submitted Contract Award Notices, where SPT have not been involved, to ensure compliance to the CPR's now takes place monthly.

19. The revision of the Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) is due to go to Council for approval in May 19.

BREACHES OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

20. There are no reportable breaches to the Financial Procedure Rules (FPR's) between the 1st **September 2018** and the 28th **February 2019**.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

21. Every waiver is examined and where appropriate challenged for alternative options prior to approval.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

22. It is important that the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's) and Financial Procedure Rules (FPR's) are adhered to and where breaches are identified, a robust corrective plan is put in place to protect the Council's commercial interests through contracts.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>The CPR's state that quotations should be sought from at least one Doncaster based company. This is to encourage local spend where possible. SPT work closely with Business Doncaster to support events and local spend initiatives.</p>

	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster’s people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>Effective procurement governance ensures best value is achieved from the budgets available.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>Social value is considered in contracting activity. This would, partly, promote the use of apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities. SPT are working with Doncaster College to look at incorporating student placement opportunities into the Council’s contracting activity where possible.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own home 	<p>Effective procurement ensures that ‘fit for purpose’ contracts are procured with a high emphasis on quality service delivery.</p>
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>Effective procurement ensures best value, effective partnership working and robust specifications to attain the best from the markets.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

24. Contractual arrangements with suppliers and breaches to the CPR's expose the Council to reputational, financial, legal and commercial risks. Compliance monitoring of the CPR's along with the implementation of plans and actions to remedy breaches seek to counter these risks.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...NJD... Date.....18/03/19.....]

25. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Legal advice has been provided on the individual contracts and waivers detailed within the report and continued legal support will be provided the Service areas in relation to these matters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...AT..... Date...15/03/19.....]

26. There are no specific financial implications attached to this report. Each individual breach and waiver will consider the specific implications for that action. It is important to note that breaches to Contract Procedure Rules risk the Council overspending as checks for sufficient budget being available is not guaranteed to take place.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials KG Date 16/03/19.....]

27. There are no specific HR implications to this document.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials... PW Date 15/03/19.....]

28. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report. Corporate Procurement continues to consult with Digital & ICT in relation to CPR waivers involving the procurement of technology to ensure that these have been considered by the Technology Governance Board (TGB), where applicable.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials... VJDate ...26/03/19.....]

29. There is no direct health implication of this report. The health implications will need to be addressed within each individual contract area identified in the breaches and waivers.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HW Date 14/03/19]

30. There are no direct equality implications associated with this report and a Due Regards Statement (DRS) is not required.

CONSULTATION

31. There has been consultation with the various directorates and applicable officers. All implication authors from the various departments have been consulted with as per the above.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

32. None.

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BREACHES

Appendix 1 details the:

- **New** CPR breaches that have been identified between the **1st September 2018 and the 28th February 2019**;
- **Unresolved** breaches, reported to the Audit Committee previously and;
- **Resolved** breaches reported previously
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With a brief explanation of the reasons for the breach and their current status:

Directorate	Status New Unresolved Resolved	Date Reported to Audit Committee	Contract Description	Annual Value	Contract End Date	Reason for breach	Proposed action to be / has been taken in relation to the breach	Timescale for resolution
Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Resolved	Oct 17	Mental Health Assessments with 38 separate providers.	£270,220	No contract in place	Individual commissioning of small work packages to providers. SPT holistic spend analysis established aggregated spend and need for corporate contract.	A compliant corporate contract procured and has gone live.	31 Jul 18 Revised 31 Mar 19
Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Unresolved		Solar Centre	£746,000	No contract in place	A consultant has been employed, working to the current Assistant Director Adult Social Care and a Plan is now in place, ending in the procurement of new services by Jun 18. This milestone has moved to the 30 May 19.	Report on the Solar Centre commissioning intentions going to the Cabinet on the 4 June 19.	30 Jun 18 Revised 30 May 19 Revised To be determined subject to the Cabinet report
Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Unresolved	Apr 17	YMCA Goodall House	£170,000	Contract expired	Looking to review with the Doncaster Children's Trust.	Apr 19 note - report written but still to be agreed – recommendation to decommission the contract – if agreed in April 19 then contract will require six months exit strategy period. Oct 18 note - Review and potentially redesign.	Mar 19 Revised: Sept 19

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Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Resolved	Apr 17	SPLS IT System (Trojan)	£6,500	Contract expired	18 months project to look at alternatives and potentially de-commission. Subject to DIPS Project Board	Waiver agreed to ensure contractual coverage whilst DIPS takes over from this system. System reviewed and decommissioned.	Sept 18
Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Unresolved	Apr 17	Sheffield YWCA – Yorkshire Green Gables	£81,000	Contract expired	This work is planned for Year 2 of the Commissioning and Procurement Plan in Adults Commissioning.	Currently out to tender, tender submission date 20 Mar 19, should be awarded by Jun 19 subject to submissions. Re-commission.	Mar 19 Revised: Jun 19
Regeneration and Environment	Unresolved	Oct 17	Digital energy software for energy management functions.	£18,000	No contract in place	Provision of software for energy management functions including consumption data on gas, electricity, water and other fuels. Reporting features enables the Council and schools to meet statutory functions.	Mar 19 note – tender out to market week commencing 11 Mar 19. Open Tender for a 7 yrs. contract, with a value of c. £126,000. Oct 18 note – Original date delayed. Tender documentation is part complete and due to go out to market by the 10 Oct 18	30 Jun 18 Revised Jan 2019 Revised: 27 Mar 19 (award date) TBC if awarded
Regeneration and Environment	Resolved	Oct 18	Removal of various recyclable materials from the network of "brings banks" across the borough.	£35,000	No contract	Historical arrangements with multiple service providers to supply recycling banks [and remove the contents periodically] from a network of 'bring-sites' across the borough. The Council pays some of the service providers to remove the contents of the recycling banks based on the volume of materials collected.	The Council will cease any financial responsibility to this by Mar 19. Contract will end.	Mar 19
Regeneration and Environment	Resolved	Oct 18	Cleaning Services	£21,100		Service area assumed purchasing compliance they believed the awarded suppliers are part of the Corporate Framework. Window Cleaning Provider (£11.4k) - . Part of Soft FM Contract/ Client Request for supplier Nilfisk Ltd - £8.7k – Hired on a monthly basis but exceeded time required	Now using the Corporate Framework.	

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Regeneration and Environment	Resolved	Oct 18	Website Development	£7693 one off cost. £1,000 per annum website hosting fees.	Nov 22	Approval was given by IGB to commission Impression Digital Ltd to develop a website. Commissioning Impression Digital Ltd was deemed the most cost effective option for website development and was the quickest route to produce the website in order to meet urgent timescales.	As this is proprietary there is no alternative other than to continue paying Impression Digital Ltd for the domain fees of £1,000 up to 2022. Department made aware of a need to gain 3 informal quotes when contracting above £5k.	
Regeneration and Environment	New	April 19	Provision of cleaning chemicals from ACE Janitorial	£54,254	No contract	Aggregated spend, no contract in place. Lack of understanding around calculating total contract value and aggregated spend.	Provided service area with extra training regarding Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs). Conducted procurement via a compliant third party framework (NOECPC). This is now resolved.	May 19
Regeneration and Environment	New	Apr 19	Provision of security	£25,000	No contract	Emergency provision following the fire at Bentley Training Centre and an urgent requirement for onsite security due to members of the public entering site. A waiver should have been completed.	Provided service area with extra training regarding Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs). Will end once security provision no longer required.	Feb 19
Regeneration and Environment	New	Apr 19	Direct purchase with a Glass and Glazing supplier for the supply & install for doors, windows and board ups	£102,000	No contract	PBM unaware of the scope of the corporate contract in place related to the 'Provision of Building Materials and Associated Products' and that it does not cover the requirements of doors, windows and board ups and have been using it for that supply.	Procurement exercise to be completed.	Sep 19
Adults, Health and Wellbeing	New	Apr 19	Disabled adaptations	£9,298	One off purchase	Direct Award of contract without competition	Spoken with service area to ensure that CPRs are complied with in future	Jan 19

WAIVERS

Appendix 2 details the CPR waivers that have been agreed covering the period **1st September 2018 to the 28th February 2019**, together with an explanation of the reasons for the waiver. The proposed action will need to be concluded in advance of the expiry of the waiver end date to prevent the occurrence of a breach (i.e. unless it is proposed that the arrangements will end).

Directorate and Department	Contract Description	Waiver Value	Waiver Period	Waiver Category 1. Sole Provider/ Niche Market 2. Insufficient Time/ Resources 3. Continuity of Existing Work 4. Emergency Situation 5. Forms Part of a Strategic Plan/ Review 6. Other	Reason for the Waiver	Condition(s) of the Waiver
AHW Commissioning and Contracts	Highstone Housing Supported Living Housing – Sleep Room Charges	£209,783	01/04/2018 to 31/03/2025	3. Continuity of Existing Work	Update contractual agreement with Highstone Housing for the continued rental of sleep in rooms in the supported living service. Limits the risk to the Council of not having a contract in place for an unavoidable need.	Review the Sleep in Room provision in Supported Living Services.
R&E Highways – Street Lighting	Trafford Way Tunnel – Replacement management system and installation of new ventilation system	£33,000	10/07/2018 to 09/10/2018	4. Emergency Situation	Failure of the ventilation system. Emergency replacement of equipment and testing services, with additional fail safe services to insure that failure of the ventilation system is less likely to occur.	Future proofing via enhanced system to make emergency situation less likely.
R&E Transport Team	Cycling Initiative - Club Doncaster	£30,000	01/04/2018 to 31/03/2020	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Specific to the needs of the grant funding from the DfT – deviation away from the work already delivered by Club Doncaster Foundation could threaten this funding and it would also not be best value to engage an alternative supplier. Only provider in the local area.	n/a
CR Financial Services	HB Subsidy Assurance Process	£24,000	01/09/2018 to 31/08/2019	5. Forms Part of a Strategic Plan/Review	To be completed by the Councils External Auditors that is set by the Public Sector Audit Appointments.	n/a

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R&E Bereavement Services	Grave Shoring & associated equipment & training	£15,000	20/07/2018 to 31/03/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	These services are bespoke and cannot be delivered by or obtained in any other way other than through direct engagement with this supplier.	
AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Young People's Service	£49,461	10/12/2018 to 31/03/2019	5. Forms Part of a Strategic Plan/Review	3 months extension to existing agreement to allow this contract to be factored into a wider programme of procurement activity focussed on delivering supported housing services for young people.	Forms part of the procurement for holistic supported housing contract. Status: gone live
AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Offender Accommodation and Support Service	£83,986	03/09/2018 to 02/12/2018	6. Other	3 months extension to allow for the newly awarded contract to be mobilised, as there is added complexities linked to TUPE.	New contract goes live. Status: gone live
AHW Libraries	Culture Change	£12,500	13/08/2018 to 30/11/2018	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Indicatively this work will take 20 days, spanned over 4 months. Sole provider linked to Hull City of Culture, no other provider available.	
R&E Waste and Recycling	Bring Sites	£35,000	02/08/2018 to 31/03/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	An interim measure to allow the de-commissioning of this contract by the 31 Mar 19.	Contract ends
LOCYP	Capita	£63,067	01/11/2018 to 31/03/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	An interim extension for a software system to allow the implementation of the DIPS project. Would not be sensible to re-procure and implement for such as short timescale.	DIPS project implemented.
AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Supported Living.	£105,000	01/09/2018 to 27/01/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	Failure to award from the first procurement. Re-tendering has led to the timeline being extended. The Council has now successfully tendered the service. The proposed timescale was commensurate with the time taken to TUPE transfer a service of this type and nature from one provider to another.	New contract goes live. Status: gone live.

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AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Keyring Living Support Networks	£16,500	10/12/2018 to 09/03/2019	6. Other	3 months award to allow the safe exit from the contract.	Contract will cease.
CR Customer Services and ICT	Children's Social Care System Support	£181,636	01/11/2018 to 31/10/2020	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Liquid Logic are the only supplier that can support their system, no other alternative supplier is available. System will be integrated into DIPS project and will eventually cease.	Implementation of DIPS
R&E Parking Services	Car Park Management Agreement	£120,000	31/12/2018 to 31/09/2019	5. Forms Part of a Strategic Plan/Review	The Civic Car Park Management Agreement novated across through the acquisition of The Civic Car Park and expires 31 st Dec 2018. Insufficient time for an EU procurement exercise and the transition to a potential new supplier. Extend the current contract until Sept 19 to allow for re-commissioning to mitigate risk of disruption to both public and staff by not having a contract in place.	Re-procure through an EU compliant procurement exercise. New contract to go live by 1 Sept 19.
R&E Property Valuation	Property Valuation - Markets	£8,500	19/11/2018 to 30/11/2018	4. Emergency Situation	Urgent requirement within the project timescales a quote has been sought from a supplier recommended by the Council's Brokers, with JLT Speciality.	Contract – one-off. Framework to be set up for future urgent needs.
R&E Transport Team	Gritter Manufacturer/ Supplier	£25,000	01/09/2018 to 31/08/2023	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Econ are the sole supplier and manufacturer of Econ gritter bodies and associated equipment for which the authority has several fitted to lorries in various models + their snow ploughs, this is parts/calibration and repairs spend with no other supplier.	n/a

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R&E Transport Team	Whale Tankers	£75,000	01/09/2018 to 31/08/2020	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Whale are the sole supplier and manufacturer of their own vehicle Gulley/jetting equipment mounted to vehicles for which the authority has several, some fitted to lorries in various models and some stand alone, this is parts and repairs spend with no other supplier	
AHW Communities	AH&WB Transformation Programme – Ways of Working Transforming Social Work – CLS Work Programme of Support	£10,850	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	Specialist supplier of this programme, no alternative provider available.	
AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Managed Accounts	£16,000	01/01/2019 to 30/04/2019	3. Continuity of Existing Work	This waiver request is due to an unsuccessful tender exercise in July 18 when no viable provider bids were submitted. New procurement exercise undertaken and successfully award second time.	New contract go live 1 Apr 19.
CR Customer Services and ICT	RV Finder	£18,000	30/11/2018 to 31/03/2019	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Only this supplier can provide this service as they have already done the work to identify the properties. The supplier has identified 28 potential properties that are not included in the Doncaster Local Rating List, from doing a data matching exercise at another local billing authority.	
R&E Waste and Highways	Keysoft Solutions Service Agreement	£6,000	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Licensing, maintenance and support only for the Council's specialist traffic engineering design software (provided by Keysoft Solutions). This is existing software - not the procurement of a new software system.	

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AHW Public Health	Developing Young People's Capabilities: participatory action research	£19,646	01/02/2019 to 31/10/2019	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	No other provider can supply the bespoke service due to the research done by Sheffield Hallam University.	
LOCYP	Inclusion charter consultancy	£28,000	30/01/2019 to 30/03/2019	2. Insufficient Time/Resources	Significant pace is required to complete this piece of work – for a number of reasons, need to see impact of this work within the life time of the programme; inclusion has recently emerged as a hugely high priority area for schools, the Council and the OA and failure to resolve it in a timely fashion puts other strands of our programme funding at risk.	
AHW Adults, Commissioning and Contracts	Abacus Software Site Licence for Supporting People Local System	£6,891	01/02/2019 to 31/01/2020	2. Insufficient Time/Resources	A bespoke software system 'SPLS' has been used within the Council for a number of years and was established as a requirement of the Supporting People programme in 2003. Will cease once DIPS goes live.	DIPS Project.
LOCYP Children with Hearing Impairment	Purchase of three Otometrics Auricle HIT test-boxes	£10,581	06/02/2019 to 01/04/2019	1. Sole Provider/Niche Market	Connevans Ltd are the approved supplier of this equipment for Teachers of the Deaf. No alternative supplier.	