

7.4 Subject to Contract Standing Order 10, Contract Standing Order 7.3 shall not apply to the following contracts which, subject to Contract Standing Orders 7.5 ~~and 7.6~~, may be entered into without having first undertaken a tendering process:

7.4.1 Contracts under which the County Council makes a gift of money or other value not requiring works.

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7.4.2 Contracts entered into under government Central Purchasing Body arrangement (for example, the Government Procurement Service), such as, OGC.

Note: Where there is sufficient information contained in the listing under the Central Purchasing Body arrangement so that the Council can clearly identify the provider that represents best value for money then the Council can enter into a contract directly with that provider, this will usually only relate to the purchase of goods. In all other circumstances a further competition/mini-tender must be undertaken and advice must be sought from Legal Services and the Procurement Team.

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7.4.3 Any approved call off contract entered into in full compliance with the terms of any lawfully procured framework agreement under which the County Council is entitled to participate.

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7.4.43 Any contract whose ~~Contracts~~ total value or total estimated value of which does not exceed £150,000 PROVIDED THAT: the contract term does not exceed three (3) years in length..-

~~or~~

7.4.47.4.5 Any cContract for a term of not more than three (3) years whoses ~~where the~~ total value or total estimated value exceeds £150,000 but does not exceed £250,000 PROVIDED THAT:-, and

7.4.54.1 the case as to why it is in the best interests of the County Council to enter into that contract, has been submitted to and

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approved by the Director Strategic Procurement using the Gateway Review in the form set out in Appendix A, and

7.4.5.2 the Deputy Chief Executive: Enabling & Transition Group Director or Director or Head of Service after consultation as appropriate with the Leader of the Council, Lead Cabinet Member or Cabinet Member has authorised entry into the contract.

or

~~7.4.5 In respect of any other contract the Cabinet, Leader of the Council or a Lead Cabinet Member has authorised entry into the contract and the case as to why it is in the best interests of the County Council to enter into that contract has been submitted to and approved by the Director of Strategic Procurement using Appendix A.~~

~~Note: Contract Standing Orders 7.4 does not obviate the need for compliance with legislation requiring a tendering process to be followed.~~

~~7.4.6 The completed authorisation record must be sent to the Council's Director of Strategic Procurement who will retain the record in a register kept for that purpose. Any other contract **PROVIDED THAT:**~~

~~7.4.6.1 the case as to why it is in the best interests of the County Council to enter into that contract has been submitted to and approved by the Director of Strategic Procurement using the Gateway Review in the form set out in Appendix A; and~~

~~7.4.6.2 the Cabinet, or the Leader of the Council, or the relevant Cabinet Member, has authorised entry into the contract.~~

~~**Note:** Contract Standing Order 7.4 does not obviate the need for compliance with legislation requiring a tendering process to be followed. The completed authorisation record must be sent to the Council's Director of Strategic Procurement who will retain the record in a register kept for that purpose.~~

7.5 A Commissioning Director or other Officer with delegated powers shall not:

7.5.1 enter into separate contracts; or

7.5.2 extend the term of an existing contract where a right or option to so extend is not included in the terms and conditions of that contract;

with the intention of or which has the effect of avoiding the application of these Contract Standing Orders or any applicable legislation.

~~7.5 A Group Director or other officer with delegated powers shall not authorise a contract following negotiations with a single contractor for a term exceeding three years without prior approval of the Cabinet, Leader of the Council or a Lead Cabinet Member~~

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~~7.6 A Group Director or other officer with delegated powers shall not authorise an extension to the period of an existing contract that has been awarded as a result of negotiations with a single contractor such that the total term exceeds five years without prior approval of the Cabinet, Leader of the Council or a Lead Cabinet Member.~~

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