

Corporate Director	Directorate	Service Area Contact	RCDA Reference	Title	Start date	End date	Value	Supplier(s)	Status Update	Justification for Decision (to waive requirements specified under the Council's Procurement Procedures)
Julie Lorraine	Resources	Khaled Hussein	R(R)55	Microsoft Unified Support via Insight	31/01/2024	30/01/2025	£129,777.94	Insight Direct (UK) Ltd		The Unified Support will provide the Council access to experts from Microsoft for advising and guiding internal IT staff, to problem solve, and as appropriate, fix major and/or critical issues with regards to Microsoft products and tools. This is a 1-year arrangement to support us through the maturing of our capabilities with Power Platform (Power BI and associated technology underpinning our data store and BI capability) and to rollout teams telephony. We will then review and enable future procurement.
Layla Richards	Children Services	Carol London-Baptiste	CS(R)327	Campbell Road Young Persons Support Service	01/08/2023	30/11/2023	£149,873.00	Look Ahead		This contract was previously extended through Cabinet approval until the end of July 2023 to enable the Strategy & Commissioning Team (previously known as the Children's Integrated Commissioning Team) to revise and complete the planning of a transformative recommission of the pathway. However due to several changes in resources available, and high staff turnover within the Strategy & Commissioning team, the proposed timetable for new procurement exercise was not met hence this waiver to ensure continuous provision of service. A new tendering exercise was launched on the 18 th September 2023 and is due to close on the 17 th November 2023.
Layla Richards	Children Services	Carol London-Baptiste	CS(R)328	Mile End Road Young People's Support Services	01/08/2023	30/11/2023	£154,644.00	Look Ahead		This contract was previously extended through Cabinet approval until the end of July 2023 to enable the Strategy & Commissioning Team (previously known as the Children's Integrated Commissioning Team) to revise and complete the planning of a transformative recommission of the pathway. However due to several changes in resources available, and high staff turnover within the Strategy & Commissioning team, the proposed timetable for new procurement exercise was not met hence this waiver to ensure continuous provision of service. A new tendering exercise was launched on the 18 th September 2023 and is due to close on the 17 th November 2023.
Lisa Fraser	Children Services	Michael Woollard	CS(R)335	Seven Mills RAAC removal	05/02/2024	30/06/2024	£136,755.00	Breyer Group	<p>Following award, surveys identified asbestos in the roof (RAAC planks), necessitating specialist removal. As a result, the project timeline has been pushed back since combining asbestos removal and full remediation in one package would have had impacts on school life (noting the school is also a polling station in May and requires use of the hall for SATs). To reduce inconvenience, the full remediation works will begin in summer '24, as agreed upon by the school and contractor.</p> <p>Additionally, the RCDA contract value must be adjusted to cover asbestos-related fees and scaffolding hire costs. We have raised this with legal for advice on the next steps regarding variations. The DfE will reimburse the costs associated with RAAC mitigation and full remediation.</p>	In line with Department for Education (DfE) instruction and guidance concerning the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in public buildings, the Council instructed surveys in 2022. At the end of August 2023, the DfE changed its position on how it and other responsible bodies should respond to dealing with RAAC. The DfE placed a high-risk notice on the material and instructed that all settings with the material close areas impacted immediately, and that responsible bodies should consider and implement mitigating works asap; with further work to be programmed for the replacement of the material. In our efforts to fast track this urgent requirement, we have obtained two quotes and sounded the market; our indication is that the lower value quote is a good indication of cost to resolve the matter safely and swiftly. However, the cost of the contract, for replacement of the roof, will be in the region of £136k, just above the threshold for undertaking a full procurement process. Given the urgent H&S requirement to make the space safe, and enable the good functioning of the school, we are seeking approval to proceed with the works on the basis of the quote received, outside normal procurement processes.

Paul Patterson	HAC	Mike Fill	HAC(R)354	Providence Row Food Service	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	£180,444.00	Providence Row Charity	Delivered	Under the circumstances, mainly due to time constraints involved and the need to protect/safeguard vulnerable people within Tower Hamlets, it is recommended that a short term direct award of contract should be made to Providence Row Charity to ensure services continue. However, it should be noted that going forward, it is recommended that this service is tendered and procured as per the Council's Standing Orders during the term of the direct award to ensure value for money, refresh/review of any similar services/competition within the market. It is also believed (evident from Somen Banerjee's email) that the Mayor has already approved this initiative, which is now urgent. Therefore, in this instance, considering the advice provided above, the Corporate Director may wish to proceed with the direct award by utilising the Council's Contracts and Procurement Procedure Rules 50.1 (a).
Paul Patterson	HAR	Nick Spenceley	HAR(R)101	Concierge and Related Services	01/11/2023	28/02/2024	£176,000.00	OCS		<p>This request is to waive the requirements specified under the Council's Procurement Procedures for a competitive procurement process and make a direct contract award to OCS to provide concierge services to 4 council housing sites totaling 5 blocks, comprising 346 homes. It is to be noted that the procurement to replace the existing contract which expires on 31 October, 2023 started last year however, the Council has to follow followed by formal Section 20 Leasehold consultation.</p> <p>Section 50.1 of the Procurement Procedures states that the procedures may be waived by a Corporate Director in liaison with the Head of Corporate Procurement and the Head of Legal Services, where the total value of the contract does not exceed £177,897 (this is cumulative where there is a series of RCDAs in a period of 12 months) and that the waiver is justified by one of the options a, to e. listed.</p> <p>Base on the above, the Corporate Director may decide to proceed under the provisions of 50.1.b "On balancing the risk and circumstances, it is clearly in the Council's interest to do so"</p> <p>Procurement has no objection to this proposal.</p>
Paul Patterson	HAR	Darren Cruice	HAR(R)102	Appointment of waking watch fire marshal Team at Johnson House	10/10/2023	10/01/2024	£160,262.00	Parkguard		<p>This request is to waive the requirements specified under the Council's Procurement Procedures for a competitive procurement process and make a direct contract award to Parkguard who are well known to the Council to provide 'waking watch' of fire marshalls at Johnson House. This is required because on 2 August 2023 ,Our fire engineers, BB7, carried out an external wall survey and raised concerns about the potential external spread of fire across the building due to the nature and extent of insulated panels. The period of the contract will be 12 weeks to allow sufficient time for the full survey to be completed.</p> <p>Section 50.1 of the Procurement Procedures states that the procedures may be waived by a Corporate Director in liaison with the Head of Corporate Procurement and the Head of Legal Services, where the total value of the contract does not exceed £177,897 (this is cumulative where there is a series of RCDAs in a period of 12 months) and that the waiver is justified by one of the options a, to e. listed.</p> <p>Base on the justification provided above, the Corporate Director may decide to proceed under the provisions of 50.1.b "On</p>

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Paul Patterson	HAR	Darren Cruice	HAR(R)105	Continued Appointment of waking watch fire marshal Team at Johnson House	11/01/2024	14/04/2024	£172,771.55	ParkGuard		<p>This request is to waive the requirements specified under the Council’s Procurement Procedures for a competitive procurement process and make a direct contract award to Parkguard who are well known to the Council to provide ‘waking watch’ of fire marshalls at Johnson House. This is required because on 2 August 2023, the Council’s fire engineers, BB7, carried out an external wall survey and raised concerns about the potential external spread of fire across the building due to the nature and extent of insulated panels. An initial waiver was approved, and a contract was entered into with Parguard from 19/10/23 to 10/1/23, however, the work has not been completed thus requiring the continuous provision of waking watch of fire Marshalls services.</p> <p>Section 50.1 of the Procurement Procedures states that the procedures may be waived by a Corporate Director in liaison with the Head of Corporate Procurement and the Head of Legal Services, where the total value of the contract does not exceed £177,897 (this is cumulative where there is a series of RCDAs in a period of 12 months) and that the waiver is justified by one of the options a, to e. listed.</p> <p>The aggregate RCDA value approved for the provision of this service exceeds the limit for RCDA approval. Consequently, LBTH legal team have been consulted and have provided advise which is noted in the legal comments below.</p> <p>Base on the justification provided above and the legal advice (which is reflected in their comments), the Corporate Director may decide to proceed under the Procurement Procedures provisions of Section 50.1.b “On balancing the risk and circumstances, it is clearly in the Council’s interest to do so.” However, for future requirement, a competitive procurement exercise will be required.</p>
Paul Patterson	P	Alex Hatt	P(R)349	Whitechapel Road Improvements Programme Market Stall Project – RIBA 3 Architectural & Associated Services	14/08/2023	31/03/2024	£176,935.00	Greig & Stephenson Architects	Work procured under RCDA in progress, expected completion Q2 2024/24. No further procurement required for this phase of work; future phases will require re-engagement with Procurement Team with regards to approach.	<p>This request is to waive the requirements specified under the Council’s Procurement Procedures for a competitive procurement process and make a direct contract award to Greig & Stephenson Architects (GSA) to gather feedback from the prototype stall and use the learning to deliver a fully developed design for the market stall project.</p> <p>Section 50.1 of the Procurement Procedures states that the procedures may be waived by a Corporate Director in liaison with the Head of Corporate Procurement and the Head of Legal Services, where the total value of the contract does not exceed £177,897 (this is cumulative where there is a series of RCDAs in a period of 12 months) and that the waiver is justified by one of the options a, to e. listed.</p> <p>The Corporate Director may decide to proceed under the provisions of 50.1.c “The contract is for works, supplies or services that are required in circumstances of extreme urgency that could not reasonably have been foreseen – e.g. to protect life or property when no existing contractual arrangement is in place, or if the purchase is needed to urgently comply with an order of Civil or Criminal Court”</p> <p>Procurement has no objection to this proposal.</p>