Annual Procurement Report

2025-2026



Scottish Borders COUNCIL

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Introduction

This Annual Procurement Report has been prepared to meet the obligations of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, which requires that public authorities with a spend exceeding £5m per year must publish both a procurement strategy and annual procurement setting out how it has planned and executed its regulated procurements in a given year. It must demonstrate how our performance and achievements during the period meet both the strategic direction set by the organisation and all relevant procurement legislation.

In line with the broader Council Plan, the Corporate Procurement Strategy is designed around the concept of setting the long-term strategic direction but with frequent updates to allow for adjustments in the service objectives and actions to be achieved. Accordingly, a refreshed Corporate Procurement Strategy is developed, approved and published each March for the forthcoming financial year.

This Annual Procurement Report covers the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 and details progress against the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2025-26.

To support understanding of the terminology used across this document a glossary is provided of commonly used terms at the end. This aims to provide brief user-friendly definitions of words, acronyms and phrases used in relation to public sector procurement.

Strategic Themes and Objectives

The Corporate Procurement Strategy follows the Council Plan which consists of 2 areas of Focus and 6 Outcomes:

Focus	Outcomes
• Improving the wellbeing of citizens within the Scottish Borders and making our region a more sustainable and better place to live, work in and to visit.	• Clean Green Future • Fulfilling Our Potential • Strong Inclusive Economy, Transport and Infrastructure • Empowered, Vibrant Communities • Good Health and Wellbeing
• Developing a Council that is as effective and efficient as it can be.	• Working Together Improving Lives

It is understood that achieving the first 5 outcomes can only be done by developing a Council that is effective and efficient as it can be.

Procurement's contribution toward achievement of the above are set out in the strategic themes and objectives below.

Strategic Theme	Objective
Local Economy	grow the Borders economy and support Community Wealth Building by enabling and encouraging local businesses (particularly SMEs and Third Sector organisations) to access public sector opportunities whilst promoting Fair Work
Climate Change	contribute towards delivering the Scottish Borders Climate Change Route Map
Contract and Supplier Management	support services to develop and implement effective, consistent and proportionate contract and supplier management
Community Benefits	maximise the community benefits delivered through Council contracts
Procurement Capability	improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement function, fostering a culture of continuous improvement
Financial Pressures	support services to meet ongoing financial pressures

Corporate Procurement Service – Highlights 2025/26

Meet the Buyer South 2025

Following on from a successful event in Galashiels in 2024, Supplier Development Programme (SDP) and Scottish Borders procurement team hosted the fourth Meet the Buyer South event on 8th October at the Tait Hall in Kelso.

The region's public sector was well represented with exhibitors that included Scottish Borders Housing Association, Eildon Housing Association, Waverley Housing Association, South of Scotland Enterprise, and, making their debut at the event, Borders College.

Local suppliers also had the opportunity to engage with buyers outside the Borders, including Midlothian Council, East Lothian Council, Transport Scotland as well as Scottish Government and Scotland Excel.

Some 210 delegates representing 110 unique Scottish SMEs attended on the day.

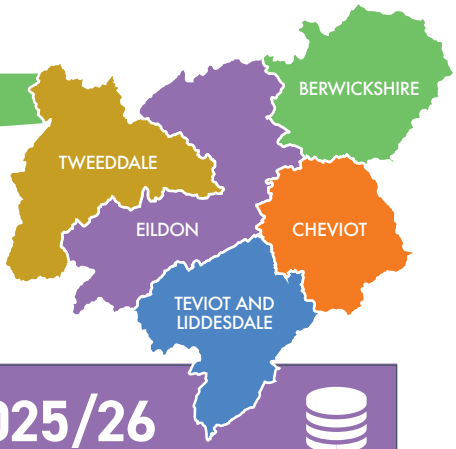


Meet the Buyer South 2026 will take place on 7th October at the Corn Exchange in Haddington.

Subcontracting Services Framework

Another notable event was the award at the end of this period of the second-generation Subcontracting Services Framework Agreement. This framework is primarily used by the Council's contracts team to appoint sub-contractors to help them deliver construction projects and was 18 months of hard work in the making.

A total of **74** suppliers were awarded onto the framework, **31** of which are Scottish Borders based SMEs. It is collaborative, with other local public sectors bodies (including Scottish Borders Housing Association, NHS Borders, and Borders College) permitted to use it.



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KEY PROCUREMENT STATISTICS 2025/26

COUNCIL SPEND **£269,936,184**	REGULATED CONTRACTS LET **78**	VALUE OF REGULATED CONTRACTS LET **£61,569,299**
SM SPEND **£158,215,015[1]**	SUPPLIERS WITH SPEND **2,650**	PURCHASE ORDER TRANSACTIONS **36,494**
LOCAL SPEND **£85,974,532[2]**	LOCAL SUPPLIERS WITH SPEND **612**	LOCAL SPEND AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL **31.85%[2]**

[1] Includes estimate of SME spend by Hub South East contractors in the Scottish Borders
[2] Includes estimate of local SME spend by Hub South East contractors in the Scottish Borders

SECTION 1
Summary of Regulated Procurements Completed

Regulated procurement activity is governed by the rules set out within the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 which define regulated procurements as those with a value equal to or more than £50,000 for goods and services or £2M for works contracts.

This section provides a summary of regulated procurement activity for the reporting period, including both individual contracts awarded and cumulative framework spend exceeding the regulated threshold

Contracts Awarded:

	Category A (National)	Category B (Sectoral)	Category C (Local)	Total
Contracts awarded	2	8	68	78
Estimated value	£4,107,804	£3,591,223	£53,870,272	£61,569,299

Comulative spend:

	Category A (National)	Category B (Sectoral)	Category C (Local)	Total
Frameworks used	9	21	6	36
Value	£11,426,894	£19,661,003	£14,188,904	£45,276,084

Full details relating to each contract or framework is provided at Appendix 1. An example dataset is shown below.

Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Value/Spend
SP-21-052	EDF Energy Limited	Electricity	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£5,566,955

SECTION 2
Review of Regulated Procurement Compliance

Overall Assessment

With the exception of minor non-compliances (see below), our regulated procurement activities were carried out in line with the regulations and the aims and objectives of the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2025-26. This activity is underpinned by robust corporate governance provided by the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations. A detailed breakdown of progress against the strategic themes and objectives in the strategy is included at **Appendix 2.**

Regulated procurement activities are delivered by a centralised team which ensures that the procurement regulations are correctly applied and that Council and wider public sector policy priorities are appropriately considered.

Each regulated procurement is reviewed to assess if and how it might contribute to the achievement of the Council's wider policy objectives. This review is carried out in partnership with the relevant Council service through the development of a procurement strategy for that project. The detail contained in this document is used to develop and determine the most appropriate procurement route while considering sustainability and added value opportunities.

Sustainable Procurement Duty

Sustainable Procurement Duty obligations are embedded in the Sustainable Procurement Charter (see **Appendix 3**) which lays out the Council's principles, standards and expectations for suppliers who would like to work with us.

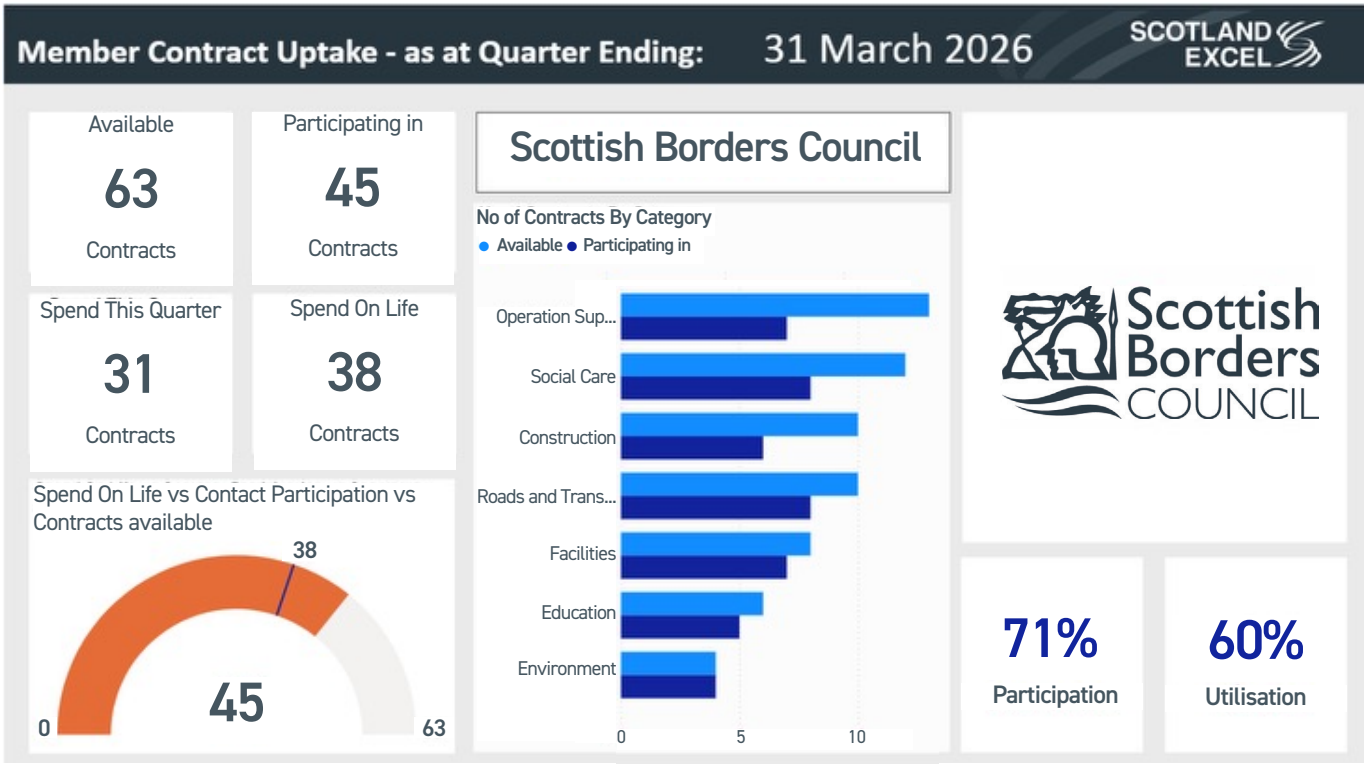
In addition, sustainability obligations are considered at the procurement strategy phase for every regulated procurement. The sustainability test within the Scottish Government's Sustainable Procurement Tools is a mandatory requirement for all regulated tenders.

Fair Work

Fair work practices are embedded in the Sustainable Procurement Charter and the Scottish Government's Fair Work First criteria are considered for each project at the procurement strategy stage and applied as appropriate. Scottish Borders Council is itself an accredited Living Wage employer. The accreditation recognises the Council's commitment to paying all directly employed and regular third-party contracted staff the real Living Wage.

Collaborative Procurement

Collaborative frameworks are the default first choice for regulated procurements and are utilised wherever possible. This includes, in particular, the frameworks provided by the Scottish Government and Scotland Excel.



Other collaborative opportunities utilised includes frameworks provided by (or via) Government Commercial Agency (CGA), Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO), Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) and North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO).

Regional and local collaboration is undertaken with a number of public sector organisations including City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Contact Register

Our annually updated contract register is available here

Non-Compliances

Routine monitoring of procurement activity identified the following non-compliances:

Non-Compliance	Root Cause	Corrective Action
Publication of a contract award notice beyond the 30 day deadline contrary to the regulations.	Human error.	Notice published.

SECTION 3
Community Benefit Summary

The Council seeks to maximise the community benefits delivered through its procurement activities. During the reporting period, a number of significant changes were introduced to improve the Council's approach to community benefits, with the aim of strengthening governance and increasing the total volume of community benefits delivered.

Mandatory Community Benefit Requirement
Previously, suppliers could choose not to provide community benefits, albeit this would be reflected in the scores achieved in the tender evaluation. Under the revised approach, suppliers are no longer scored and are now simply required to delivery community benefits as a contractual obligation if the threshold is met. The requirement will apply to relevant contracts, with exemptions for areas such as social care and charitable organisations where the delivery of community benefits may not be appropriate.

Reduced Community Benefit Threshold
In addition to making them mandatory, the Council has reduced the threshold at which community benefits are expected from £50,000 to £25,000. This change will increase the number of procurement exercises incorporating community benefit requirements, which will create additional opportunities for suppliers to deliver meaningful community benefits. This approach also aligns the Council with the community benefit thresholds adopted by other Scottish local authorities.

Points-Based Community Benefit Model
A significant development during the reporting period was the introduction of a points-based community benefit model, bringing the Council into line with most other Scottish local authorities and national procurement frameworks. Suppliers are now required to deliver community benefits commensurate to the value of the contract or framework spend from a menu of options. This revised approach provides a more structured method of securing community benefits, helping to ensure delivery is reflective of the overall value of the procurement. It is an objective of the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2026-27 to begin to incorporate community benefits points into the Council's performance reporting.

Community Benefit Documentation
The Council introduced revised community benefit documentation to support the implementation of the new points-based model and requires more detail from the supplier as to how the commitments will be delivered, including proposed timescales, intended outcomes, and the evidence that will be submitted to demonstrate completion.

Community Wealth Building
Community benefits will have an important role to play in the delivery of the community wealth building agenda. Already, community groups can make requests which suppliers may choose to fulfil to satisfy their community benefit obligations. These requests are held centrally and reviewed by procurement so that benefits can be aligned to requests where possible. Senior officers are currently considering new ways in which community benefits may support the achievement of Council Plan objectives. Procurement are closely involved in the development of community wealth building within the Council reflecting the importance of public procurement as a "pillar" of community wealth building.

In this reporting period 32 newly awarded contracts awarded included community benefit requirements covering a range of goods, services and works, including consultancy, construction, training and vehicle parts.

The community benefits delivered during the period, both directly and via Hub South East projects on behalf of the Council, are summarised below:

Type of Community Benefit	Community Benefits Delivered		
	Direct	Hub South East	Total
Apprenticeships	0	11	11
Work Experience	4	33	37
New Jobs	1	26	27
Education Activities	5	16	21
Financial Donations (number)	74	17	91
Financial Donations (value)	£41,181.98	£18,824	£60,005.98
Surplus Material Donations (number)	11	-	11
Surplus Material Donations (est. value)	£6,774.74	-	£6,774.74
Community Events Supported	7	-	7

See also **Appendix 4 & 5** below

SECTION 4

Supported Business Summary

The development of every individual procurement strategy considers the involvement of a Supported Business which is defined by the Scottish Government as meeting the following criteria:

- An organisation which has its main aim to support the social and professional integration of disabled and disadvantaged persons.
- At least 30% of paid employees of the organisation are disabled or disadvantaged.

The Council investigates all procurement avenues to identify appropriate providers and match them with our contract opportunities. This includes routinely checking the Scottish Government's DPS for Supported Businesses, as well as engaging locally – for example, through the Scottish Borders Sustainable Procurement Group. Community benefit obligations can also provide an opportunity to direct our third party suppliers to consider Supported Businesses in their supply chain.

During this reporting period the Council has engaged with the following Supported Businesses:

Lady Haig's Poppy Factory	**£1513.75**

SECTION 5
Future Regulated Procurements Summary

The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 states that it is mandatory to include in this report "a summary of the regulated procurements the authority expects to commence in the next two financial years."

2026/27

Contract/Framework Title or Subject Matter	Renewal or New	Estimated SBC Total Contract Value	Expected Contract Start Date
Council Tax Automation	New	£255,000	01/10/2026
South of Scotland Heat Network Consultant	New	£100,000	01/10/2026
Asbestos Removal	New	£120,000	01/10/2026
Kitchen Manager and Meal Selection Software	Renewal	£160,000	01/10/2026
Banking Services	Renewal	£80,000	01/11/2026
EPC Certificates	New	£60,000	01/11/2026
Asbestos Removal	New	£120,000	01/10/2026
Hybrid Mail Service	Renewal	£1,575,000	01/12/2026
Physical Mail Service	Renewal	£1,000,000	01/12/2026
Flood Scheme Design - Peebles	New	£750,000	01/12/2026
Flood Design Scheme - Newcastleton	New	£575,000	01/12/2026
Flood Design Scheme - Eyemouth	New	£100,000	01/12/2026
Transport Management Software	Renewal	£120,000	01/01/2027
Food Sampling Examination & Analysis	Renewal	£80,000	01/01/2027
Chambers Institution Main Works	New	£3,500,000	18/01/2027
Merchant Acquirer	Renewal	£50,000	01/11/2026
Road Materials Framework Agreement	Renewal	£15,000,000	01/02/2027

2027/2028

Contract/Framework Title or Subject Matter	Renewal or New	Estimated SBC Total Contract Value	Expected Contract Start Date
Residual Waste	Renewal	£50,000,000	01/04/2027
Property Management Software	Renewal	£200,000	01/04/2027
Online School Payments	Renewal	£100,000	01/04/2027
Sanitary Waste Collection	Renewal	£250,000	01/04/2027
GIS mapping Software	Renewal	£100,000	01/04/2027
Invoice Capture Software	Renewal	£65,000	27/04/2027
MS Enterprise Licenses	Renewal	£3,000,000	30/04/2027
Garden Waste	Renewal	£250,000	01/05/2027
Fleet Management Software	Renewal	£200,000	01/05/2027
EES:ABS Management Agent	Renewal	£180,000	19/05/2027
Document Storage and Related Services	Renewal	£50,000	01/06/2027
Hire of Small Plant & Temporary Accommodation Framework Agreement	Renewal	£3,000,000	25/08/2027
Food Waste Treatment	Renewal	£80,000	01/09/2027
Liquid Petroleum Gas	Renewal	£120,000	01/10/2027
Fruit and Vegetables, Bakery Products, Eggs & Milk	Renewal	£1,500,000	16/10/2027
Repairs and Maintenance (Trades) Framework	Renewal	£35,000,000	20/10/2027
Fuel Cards & Associated Services	Renewal	£260,000	01/11/2027
BACS Payment Software	Renewal	£60,000	01/11/2027
Core Supported Bus Network	Renewal	£3,000,000	01/01/2028
Water Systems Risk Assessment and Hygiene Monitoring	Renewal	£400,000	01/01/2028
MS Educational Licenses	Renewal	£400,000	01/01/2028
CAD and Drainage Software	Renewal	£110,000	31/03/2028

SECTION 6

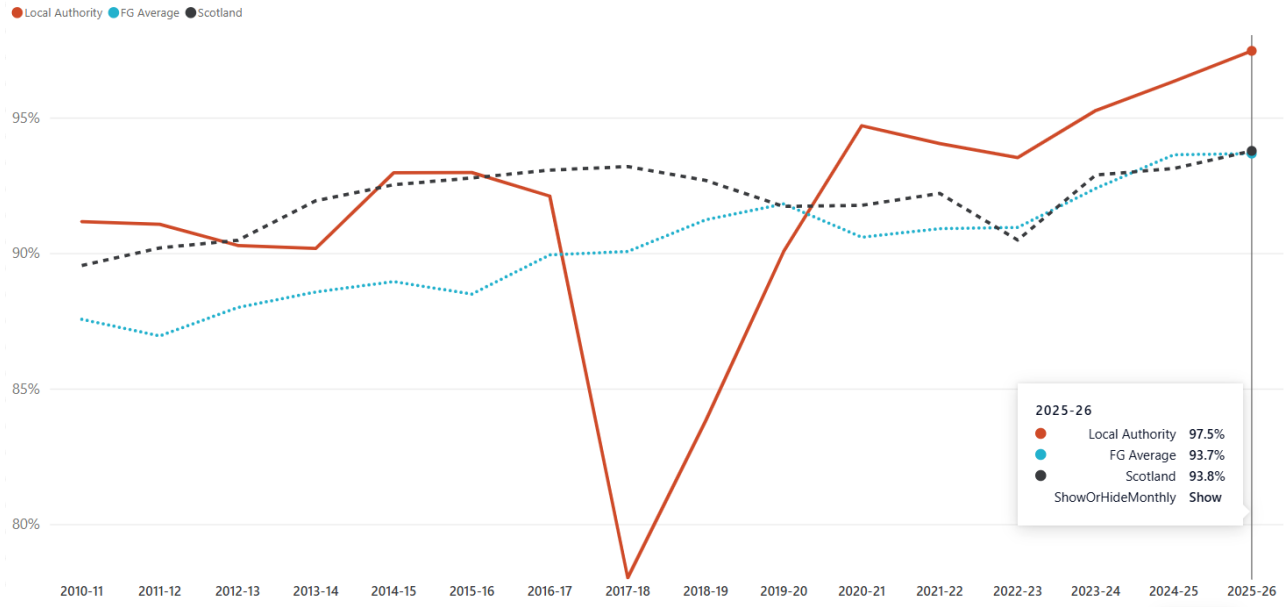
Other Content for Consideration

Payment Performance

Prompt payment is key to supporting SMEs and local businesses and Payment Services continue to perform strongly. During the reporting period 95,966 invoices were received with 97.46 percent of valid and undisputed invoices being paid within 30 days. The previous year's figure was 96.33 percent.

Payment performance continues to compare positively with both our family group and the national average across Scotland.

CORP08 - Percentage of invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days



Source: Local Government Benchmarking Framework. Note that the dip in performance 2017-18 was due to implementation of Business World ERP.

Environment and Climate Change

Adopted in 2021, the Scottish Borders Climate Change Route Map (CCRM) provides the framework by which the Council and region will pursue a path to net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045, while also putting in place measures to those changes which can no longer be pre-empted as result of changes to our climate. It is based around 5 themes:

- Resilience
- Transport Use
- Nature Based Solutions
- Energy
- Waste Management

The Corporate Procurement Strategy supports delivery on these themes and, as required by Scottish Government policy guidance, the Council will prioritise and take account of climate and circular economy in its procurement activity and will report ongoing progress against these commitments in our annual procurement reports.

In this reporting period, there has been limited activity in this area, but the procurement team has continued to support the Fleet Management team with the purchase of electric and used vehicles to replace older and less efficient fleet assets.

Glossary/Procurement Terminology

Collaboration	Working with other partners to undertake joint or shared procurement activities with the intention of obtaining better value through the economies of scale and reduced procurement costs
Commissioning	This is the process used to assess the needs of people in the area, then to design and specify the appropriate services to deliver those needs in a cost effective and value for money way.
Community Benefits	These are contract requirements that deliver wider benefits in addition to the core purpose of the contact. These will create added value and will be social, economic or environmental benefits
Contract Management	This is the management of contracts with suppliers or partner. It includes the tasks and activities to ensure the contract is delivered as per the terms. Activity can include the mobilisation of the contract, delivery throughout the term of the contract to expiry and decommissioning. It will also include supplier relationship and performance management
Goods	Items that we buy include things such as catering provisions, office stationery and supplies, or the materials needed to build roads
PCIP	The Scottish Government led Procurement and Commercial Improvement Programme and its associated assessment programme
Procurement	This is process of acquiring goods, services and works
Purchasing	The transactional stages of placing orders for goods, services or works, using P2P systems to receipt goods, services or works received and then to pay for them
Regulations	Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
Services	Services we buy might include care services, professional services to design works projects or repair and maintenance services
Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's)	Firms that employ less than 9 employees are classified as micro businesses, firms that employ less than 50 are classed as small and those employing less than 250 medium
Sustainable Procurement	A process where organisations meet their needs for goods, services and works in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life costs basis and generates benefits, not only for the organisation but for society, the economy and the environment
Third Sector	The group name for a range of organisations such as community groups, charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises or community interest companies. They may be everything in-between small and local or large multinational companies or charities
Value for Money	Value for money is the optimum combination of whole life costs quality and sustainability to meet our requirements
Works	Construction works that we buy, including the construction and/or refurbishment of new and existing buildings, roads, bridges, parks or other open spaces

Appendix 1 – Regulated Procurement

Category A Scottish Government Framework Agreements

Recorded cumulative expenditure exceeding regulated thresholds from Scottish Government Category A frameworks during the reporting period:

Scot. Gov. Ref.	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Spend
SP-21-052	EDF Energy Limited	Electricity	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£5,566,955
SP-17-031	Total Gas & Power Limited	Natural Gas	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,292,913
SP-23-07	Business Stream	Water and Waste Water Services	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,000,786
SP-22-12	Scottish Fuels	Liquid Fuel	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£739,195
SP-22-12	Highland Fuels	Liquid Fuel	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,625,584
SP-22-003	Venesky-Brown Recruitment Limited	Temp Admin, Catering & Manual Staff Services	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£97,580
SP-22-020	XMA Limited Devices	Web Based & Proprietary	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£791,573
SP-22-021	Lyreco UK Limited	General Office Supplies	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£60,066
SP-19-035	Royal Mail	Physical, Hybrid, Scheduled/ Regular Bulk (Pint and Post) and Digital Mail Services	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£132,178
SP-24-015	Penna Plc	Recruitment Advertising & Public Information Notices	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£120,063
				TOTAL	**£11,426,894**

Individual call-offs exceeding regulated thresholds from Scottish Government Category A frameworks during the reporting period:

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	End Date	Optional Extension	Estimated Value
1001562	Computacenter	Enterprise Resource Planning Software	29/12/2025	01/01/2026	31/12/2033	31/12/2033	£3,828,764
1001563	Computacenter	Intelligent Email Software	13/02/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2029	31/03/2029	£279,040
						TOTAL	**£4,107,804**
						SCOTGOV COMBINED TOTAL	**£15,534,698**

Category B Scotland Excel Framework Agreements

Recorded cumulative expenditure exceeding regulated thresholds from Scotland Excel Category B frameworks during the reporting period:

SXL Framework Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Spend
1422	Edmundson Electrical Limited	Construction Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£59,299
1422	Stark Building Materials Uk Limited	Construction Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£189,552
1422	Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited	Construction Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£209,770
1422	Mkm Building Supplies Limited	Construction Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£107,848
1422	James M Anderson Limited	Construction Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£108,643
2222	Mallatite Limited	Road Signage Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£50,474
1220	YPO	Education Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£91,422
0724	YPO	Education Materials	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£160,293
0621	Arco Limited	PPE	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£69,482
0621	The Guthrie Group Limited	PPE	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£85,932
0620	Langstane Press Limited	Education And Office Furniture	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£18,551
0125	Langstane Press Limited	Education And Office Furniture	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£66,516
0524	Dingbro Limited	Vehicle Parts	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£78,227
0720	Dingbro Limited	Vehicle Parts	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,770
1521	ICL UK (Sales) Limited	Salt	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£703,213
0121	Cooks Van Hire Limited	Vehicle And Plant Hire	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£211,191
0121	Riverside Truck Rental	Vehicle And Plant Hire	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£88,890
0224	Nynas UK AB	Bitumen	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£322,901
0224	Colas Limited	Bitumen	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£155,029
0322	Shaws Fine Meats	Fresh Meat, Cooked Meats and Fresh Fish	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£171,678

SXL Framework Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Spend
0324	CF Services Limited	Domestic Furniture	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£121,747
0324	The Furnishing Service Limited	Domestic Furniture	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£349,297
1219	Sysco Gb Limited	Groceries & Provisions	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,187,154
0322	Sysco Gb Limited	Fresh Meat, Cooked Meats and Fresh Fish	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	
1120	Sysco Gb Limited	Frozen Foods	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	
1222	Unico Limited	Janitorial Products	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£730,922
0621	Unico Limited	PPE	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	
0122	Unico Limited	Washroom Solutions	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	
1223	Unico Limited	Catering Sundries	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	
1020	Aberlour Child Care Trust	Fostering	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£83,852
1020	Action For Children	Fostering	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£90,305
1020	Barnardo's	Fostering	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£133,696
1020	The National Fostering Agency (Scotland) Limited	Fostering	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£103,012
1121	Applied Care and Development Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£737,081
1121	Aspris Scotland Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£240,679
1121	Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£98,760
1121	Care Visions Group Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£362,927
1121	Common Thread Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£686,667
1121	Harmeny Education Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£2,013,484
1121	High Trees Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£92,540
1121	Hillside School (aberdour) Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£1,073,301
1121	House of Falkland Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£254,801

SXL Framework Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Spend
1121	Inspire Scotland Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£484,381
1121	Kibble Education & Care Centre	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£2,562,225
1121	Moore House Care & Education	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£501,249
1121	Royal Blind & Scottish War Blinded	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£461,042
1121	Spark of Genius (Training) Ltd	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£530,352
1121	Starley Hall School Limited	Childrens Residential	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£219,625
				TOTAL	**£16,069,780**

Individual call-offs exceeding regulated thresholds from Scotland Excel Category B Frameworks (or aggregations) during the reporting period:

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	End Date	Optional Extension	Estimated Value
1001438	Forth Resource Management Limited Composting	Garden Waste	22/04/2025	02/05/2025	01/05/2026	01/05/2027	£294,000
1001419	Langstane	Loose Furnishings for Gala Academy and Peebles High School	30/07/2025	04/08/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£1,253,253
1001417	Changeworks	Managing Agent EES:ABS 2025-27	30/04/2025	19/05/2025	18/05/2026	18/05/2027	£162,000.00
1001462	Redpath Tyres Limited	Supply & Fit of Tyres	26/06/2025	01/08/2025	31/07/2026	31/07/2028	£710,000.00
1001485	Lloyd Motors Limited	Purchase of 10 Pool Cars	19/06/2025	19/06/2025	19/07/2025	19/07/2025	£231,022.64
1001493	Lloyd Motors Limited	Purchase of seven vehicles	19/06/2025	19/06/2025	19/07/2025	19/07/2025	£120,947.54
1001537	Allstar Business Solutions Limited	Fuel Cards & Associated Services	06/11/2025	10/11/2025	31/10/2027	31/10/2027	260,000.00
1001502	People Asset Management Limited	Occupational Health Services	08/10/2025	01/04/2026	13/08/2029	13/08/2031	560,000.00
						TOTAL	**£3,591,223**
						SXL COMBINED TOTAL	**£19,661,003**

Category C Contract and Framework Awards

Recorded cumulative expenditure exceeding regulated thresholds from Scottish Borders Council Category C frameworks during the reporting period:

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
SBC/CPS/1614	Various	Sustainable Transport DPS	08/04/2019	08/04/2019	07/04/2029	07/04/2029	£3,849,271
1001089	Various	Hire of Small Plant & Temporary Accommodation Framework	02/08/2023	25/08/2023	24/08/2025	24/08/2027	£818,606
1000893	Various	Road Surfacing Materials Framework	11/07/2022	11/07/2022	10/07/2024	31/07/2027	£2,778,548
1001298	Various	Winter Maintenance Assistance Service Framework	14/10/2024	20/10/2024	19/10/2026	19/10/2028	£282,618
SBC/CPS/1164	Various	Subcontracting Services Framewok	06/09/2021	04/10/2021	03/10/2023	01/02/2026	£2,595,50
1001036	Various	Repairs and Maintenance (Trades) Framework	20/10/2023	20/10/2023	19/10/2025	19/10/2027	£3,864,360
						TOTAL	**14,188,904**

Individual contracts exceeding regulated thresholds awarded by Scottish Borders Council during the reporting period:

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
1001433	Various	Subcontracting Services Framework	23/03/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2030	31/03/2030	£25,000,000
1001442	Children 1st	Caledonian Children's Service Worker	01/04/2025	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	£50,000
1001398	Penumbra	Community Based Housing Support Service	01/04/2025	01/04/2025	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	£302,702
SBC/CPS/2076	Eildon Housing Association Limited	Housing Support Service	01/04/2025	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	£139,291

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
1001511	SCOT J C B	9x Compact Tractors	08/04/2025	08/04/2025	08/04/2025	08/04/2025	£269,550
WR-144	Motus Commercials Limited	Chassis Truck	10/04/2025	10/04/2025	10/04/2025	10/04/2025	£63,000
WR-165	Bucher Municiapl Limited	Purchase of Gully Emptiers	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	£355,000
WR-166	A M Phillip Trucktech	Purchase of Tippers	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	£105,900
1001454	Lothian Vehicle Bodybuilders Limited	Purchase of Street Lighting Vehicle	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	£238,796
WR-180	Proteus Equipment Limited	Purchase of Bulk Asphalt Container	24/04/2025	24/04/2025	24/04/2025	24/04/2025	£100,500
1001369	CRB Cunninghams	Cashless Catering Software	28/04/2025	01/05/2025	30/04/2028	30/04/2029	£264,254
WR-160	James A Cuthbertson Limited	Purchase of 26T Truck	02/05/2025	02/05/2025	02/05/2025	02/05/2025	£205,000
1001357	Hymans Robertson	Pension Fund Actuary Services	07/05/2025	01/07/2025	30/06/2030	30/06/2035	£600,000
1001449	Safe Families	Volunteer led community support for CYP and families	12/05/2025	12/05/2025	31/03/2028	31/03/2028	£165,750
WR-201	Collier Quarrying & Recycling Limited	Specialist Surface Dressing Chip	20/05/2025	20/05/2025	20/08/2025	20/08/2025	£85,000
1001480	SCOT J C B Limited	Purchase of 3 Telehandlers	21/05/2025	21/05/2025	21/05/2025	21/05/2025	£378,000
1001427	Mott MacDonald Limited	Eyemouth Bay and Harbour Marine Egineering Concept Study	27/05/2025	02/06/2025	02/01/2026	02/01/2026	£158,500
WR-195	Nu-Phalt Group & Jetpatcher	Purchase of Jetpatcher Truck Mountable	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	£104,610

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
WR-243	Wheeliebox Limited	External Catering Unit	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	30/05/2025	£53,990
WR-207	Econ Engineering Limited	Purchase of Gritters	06/06/2025	06/06/2025	06/06/2025	06/06/2025	£277,000
1001384	Midlothian Young Peoples Advice Service (MYPASS)	School Counselling Service	13/06/2025	01/08/2025	31/08/2028	31/08/2031	£1,824,142
WR-202	Mistral Bus & Coach Plc	Purchase of Single Deck Coach	19/06/2025	19/06/2025	19/06/2025	19/06/2025	£292,000
WR-223	TrustFord	Purchase of Tippers	24/06/2025	24/06/2025	24/06/2025	24/06/2025	£142,080
1432	Teviot Taxis	Berwickshire Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)	27/06/2025	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£136,000
1001497	The Volvo Group UK limited	Purchase of Bus	27/06/2025	27/06/2025	27/07/2025	27/07/2025	£255,000
1001487	Cireco Scotland LLP	Treatment and Disposal of Residual Waste (exc. WUDs)	04/07/2025	14/07/2025	31/12/2026	31/03/2027	£9,450,000
WR-230	DAPA DELTA Limited	Process Improvement Consultant	17/07/2025	01/04/2026	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£75,000
WR-200	Anturas	Workforce Mobility Project Resources	23/07/2025	04/08/2025	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	£90,000
SC-19	Recovery Coaching	Alcohol and Drugs Recovery	01/08/2025	01/08/2025	31/07/2027	31/03/2027	£60,000
WR-199	Radish UK Limited	Mathematics Application	04/08/2025	01/08/2025	31/07/2028	31/07/2028	£205,380
1001418	Fleet Factors Limited	Fleet Managed Stores	06/08/2025	11/08/2025	10/08/2029	10/08/2033	£4,800,000
WR-267	Alan Miller Construction	Clerk of Works Services	11/08/2025	05/01/2026	05/12/2027	05/12/2027	£88,832
WR-245	Volvo Bus Corporation	Tar Tanker	14/08/2025	14/08/2025	14/11/2026	14/11/2026	£281,410

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
1001455	National Development Team for Inclusion	LD Needs Assessment	25/08/2025	01/09/2025	31/01/2026	31/01/2026	£56,640
WR-275	A M Phillip Trucktech Limited	The Purchase of Three Vans	28/08/2025	28/08/2025	28/09/2025	28/09/2025	£87,075
SC-20	Penumbra	Tenancy Support to Young People aged between 16 - 26 who the Council have a statutory obligation to support	01/09/2025	01/09/2025	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	£70,806
SC-17	Safe Homes for Families	Support to children, young people and families across the Scottish Borders	01/09/2025	01/09/2025	31/03/2028	31/03/2030	£75,000
1001518	Volvo Bus Corporation	Purchase of Volvo Coach	02/09/2025	02/09/2025	02/09/2025	02/09/2025	£255,000
WR-278	Faun Zoeller UK Limited	The Purchase of a Food Collection Vehicle	02/09/2025	02/09/2025	02/10/2025	02/10/2025	£135,820
1001423	Clockwork Removals Limited	Peebles High School and Galashiels Academy Decant	09/09/2025	10/09/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£108,597
1001495	AECOM Limited	Off/on Street parking review	17/09/2025	01/10/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£62,603
1001496	Adelante Software	Income Management Software	25/09/2025	01/10/2025	30/09/2032	30/09/2032	£399,796
1001498	Yunex Limited	Traffic Equipment Maintenance & Ancillary Support Services	01/10/2025	24/11/2025	23/11/2029	23/11/2029	£360,000
SC-21	Aberlour Child Care Trust	Edge of Care service for children, young people, and families	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	30/09/2027	30/09/2027	£805,693
1001533	Palfinger Limited	Purchase of Tractor Unit & Palfinger Crane	06/10/2025	06/10/2025	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	£235,168
1001532	EVM Limited	Purchase of EVM Minibus	21/10/2025	21/10/2025	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	£127,696

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
1001488	SUEZ Recycling UK	Treatment and Disposal of WUDS	29/10/2025	14/07/2025	31/12/2026	31/03/2027	£140,000
1001421	CTS Bridges Limited	Glenfield Bridge	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	01/06/2026	01/06/2026	£170,706
WR-316	SWECO UK Limited	River Tweed Trail Design Team	04/11/2025	04/11/2025	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	£78,668
1001531	AM Philip Trucktech	Purchase of HIAB Hooklift	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	11/12/2025	11/12/2025	£81,296.00
WR-335	V L Test Systems Limited	Brake Tester	13/11/2025	13/11/2025	13/12/2025	13/12/2025	£52,810
WR-331	Scarab Sweepers Limited	MC210 Euro Step D Sweeper	9/11/2025	19/11/2025	19/12/2025	19/12/2025	£93,320
WR-346	TrustFord	Purchase of Two Minibuses	25/11/2025	25/11/2025	25/12/2025	25/12/2025	£66,600
WR-344	Refuse Vehicle Solutions	Purchase of Used Refuse Collection Vehicles	26/11/2025	26/11/2025	26/12/2025	26/12/2025	£820,000
1001550	Trueform Construction Scotland Limited	Purchase of Bus Shelter	04/12/2025	15/12/2025	04/05/2026	04/05/2026	£60,000
1001534	AECOM Limited	Bridge Inspections	05/12/2025	05/12/2025	31/03/2028	31/03/2028	£440,968
WR-355	Eildon West Youth Hub Limited	TD1 Youth Hub & Galashiels Academy Partnership 2026	18/12/2025	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	31/12/2026	£75,527
1001565	Mac's Truck Sales	Purchase 2x12t Tippers	08/01/2026	08/01/2026	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	£149,900
1001564	Motus Group UK	Purchase 1x12t Tipper	08/01/2026	08/01/2026	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	£62,000
1001548	DAPA DELTA Limited	Process Improvement Consultant	27/01/2026	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	01/02/2028	£200,000
1001510	Borders Independent Advocacy Service	Children's Advocacy Service	28/01/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2029	31/03/2032	£659,382

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	Initial End Date	Max End Date	Estimated Value
1001558	SWECO UK Limited	Tweed Trail Design Resource	05/02/2026	09/02/2026	02/04/2027	02/04/2027	£299,837
1001490	First Stop Safety Training Limited	First Aid Training	05/02/2026	01/03/2026	28/02/2029	28/02/2029	£85,584
1001561	Civica UK Limited	Meeting and Decisions Management Software	27/02/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2028	31/03/2028	£58,530
1001588	Morton Fraser MacRoberts	Tweedbank Development Partner - Legal Support	10/03/2026	12/02/2026	11/02/2028	11/02/2028	£75,000
1001602	Journeo Passenger System Limited	Supply and Install x27 RTI Screens	25/03/2026	31/03/2026	30/09/2026	30/09/2026	£270,148
WR-443	The Keenan Consultancy	Mechanical & Electrical Consultancy	25/03/2026	25/03/2026	25/06/2028	25/06/2028	£54,820
1001543	Civica UK Limited	Enterprise Content Management Software	31/03/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2029	31/03/2030	£478,595
						TOTAL	**£53,870,272**
NB: the above table excludes the award of social care and health contracts where there is a risk of making public information relating to the cost and duration of individual care packages							
						SBC COMBINED TOTAL	**£68,059,0176**

Appendix 2 – Progress against Strategic Themes and Objectives

Theme	Objective	Actions	Progress	Comments
Local Economy	grow the Borders economy and support Community Wealth Building by enabling and encouraging local businesses (particularly SMEs and Third Sector organisations) to access public sector opportunities whilst promoting Fair Work	improve data held on local suppliers	partly achieved	big improvement in data held with 9000+ data points in relation to size, location, third sector status, RLW status, including almost all contracted suppliers.
		ensure where possible that unregulated procurements include a local bidder	achieved	all Quick Quotes issued included a local bidder if available
		further develop local meet the buyer events	achieved	see CPS Highlights above for MTB South 2025
		support suppliers to access local and national framework agreements, working with Supplier Development Programme	achieved	as above; SDP support provided to bidders in relation to re-let of sub-contracting framework
		continue to maintain local framework agreements where national opportunities are not suitable	achieved	re-let of sub-contracting services framework included 31 local suppliers, all SMEs.
		Fair Work First mandated as award criteria on all (relevant) procurements	achieved	used in all regulated Cat C procurements, with the exception of direct awards under the negotiated procedure with prior notification and call-offs from older Scottish and English frameworks.
Climate change	contribute towards delivering the Scottish Borders Climate Change Route Map	engage early, challenge and support services to develop specifications incorporating climate considerations	partly achieved	included, for example, on sub-contracting services framework but further progress required in relation to construction.
		sustainability tests to be carried out for all regulated tenders	achieved	
		proportionate and appropriate use of relevant selection criteria for all tenders	achieved	SPD 4C.7 used on several relevant projects.

Theme	Objective	Actions	Progress	Comments
		proportionate and appropriate use of climate focussed award criteria in all procurements	achieved	
		record and report how each regulated procurement supports CCRM	partly achieved	recorded at procurement stage. Reporting not yet available.
		procurement staff to be complete all relevant courses available via Scottish Government's Procurement and Property Directorate and Scotland Excel	achieved	inc. full completion of Sustainable Procurement Tools eLearning
Contract and Supplier Management	support services to develop and implement effective, consistent and proportionate contract and supplier management	provide additional contract management support to services	achieved	procurement now managing most SBC frameworks on behalf of services
		support development of trainee contracts officer	achieved	contracts officer no longer in training; all CIPS exams completed and passed in period.
		extend usage of risk management systems to improve management of contractual risks	not achieved	not progressed as long term usage of current risk management system in question
		implement contract management module within Business World ERP	achieved	module went live on 1 April 2026
		ensure appropriate contract management measures (e.g. KPIs, mobilisation, risks and exit plans, service credits and relevant terms & conditions) are incorporated at procurement stage	partly achieved	considered at strategy stage; further work required to get better service engagement on contractual risks and supplier performance management.
Community Benefits	maximise the community benefits delivered through Council contracts	tackle supplier non-compliance with Community Benefit clauses	partly achieved	see section 3 above.
		ensure that framework agreement derived Community Benefits are delivered	partly achieved	see section 3 above.
		improve coordination and collaboration on Hub South East projects (with a focus on employability to support Community Wealth Building)	not achieved	no improvement over previous year; fewer opportunities larger Hub projects now complete.
		implement points-based system for community benefits	achieved	see section 3 above.
		further develop Employability Community Benefits Working Group	not achieved	group disbanded. Objectives to be taken forward via Community Wealth Building

Theme	Objective	Actions	Progress	Comments
Procurement Capability	improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement function, fostering a culture of continuous improvement	act on outcomes of PCIP assessment	partly achieved	lessons learned process implemented; risk management improvements remain outstanding.
		ensure that procurement team undertake training and qualifications appropriate to their role	achieved	two procurement team members completed CIPS level 4 with outstandingly high marks; a third well on their way to achieving the same.
		undertake customer satisfaction surveys	partly achieved	feedback now requested on a per project basis and has been overwhelmingly positive; overall satisfaction surveys remain outstanding.
		maximise the use of technology to increase productivity	achieved	additional processes automated through MS 365 (lessons learned, feedback). Focus now shifting to ERP-based workflows
		further standardisation and streamlining of procurement documentation and processes	achieved	steady improvement to procurement templates, drawing on internal and external experience (e.g. to account for AI).
		review current approach to category management	not achieved	no progress due to resource constraints – to take forward into 2026-27
Financial Pressures	support services to meet ongoing financial pressures	identify and address off-contract spend	partly achieved	progress limited by lack of good data, but expect significant improvement with move to Business World contract management module.
		identify potential savings via demand management	achieved	demand challenged routinely at strategy stage leading to savings and cost avoidance
		increase use of collaborative agreements where possible/ appropriate	achieved	collaborative frameworks and SXL national savings programme utilised extensively
		mitigate unavoidable cost increases through contract price reviews and adopting appropriate terms and conditions	achieved	successfully mitigated price increase requests due to Iran conflict
		review increase in non-competitive actions and address	partly achieved	improved reporting and monitoring now in place; further progress needed to reduce numbers
		reduction in purchase card non-compliance	partly achieved	progress achieved in some service areas but still challenges in others

Appendix 3 – Sustainable Procurement Charter

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT CHARTER

Scottish Borders Council aims to be a responsible purchaser of goods, services and works. We set standards to make sure we undertake our activities in an ethical, responsible and sustainable way. This charter lays out a number of important principles and policy requirements of the Council to which we expect our suppliers to comply.

Achieving our Sustainable Procurement duty

Equalities

We view the Scottish Borders as a place where everyone matters, where everyone should have equal opportunities and where everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. As a responsible employer the Council is committed to promoting equal opportunities to all of the Scottish Borders community, employees and suppliers alike. Consideration of equal opportunities is fully integrated into our procurement practices and is fully committed to the values and ethos of the Equality Act 2010.

Disability Confident Scheme

The Council is an accredited Disability Confident employer. We are committed to the aims of Disability Confident and would encourage our partners, suppliers and providers to demonstrate their commitment to the scheme and also become accredited Disability Confident employers. As appropriate, contracts or framework agreements may include clear performance indicators relating to the positive benefits of such a scheme.

Facilitating SME's, third sector and supported businesses in the procurement process

Our procurement strategy aims to achieve a mixed economy of suppliers to support and develop our local rural market, particularly micro, small and medium sized enterprises, Third Sector organisations and supported businesses. This approach includes simplified and standardised public sector procurement practices, consideration of lotting and a range of hands-on assistance to the local supply chain to help reduce any barriers to involvement in procurement opportunities.

Promoting Innovation

Influencing the market towards innovative solutions can focus public spending on sustainable goods, services and works and create an important catalyst for local job creation, sustainable innovation and market development. Our procurement strategy notes the importance of innovation through procurement and we encourage all our suppliers to consider an innovative approach to the way goods and services are delivered.

Fair Work

The Council is committed to encouraging the adoption of Fair Work Practices. When relevant, suppliers bidding for public contracts should adopt fair working practices, specifically: appropriate channels for effective voice, investment in workforce development, no inappropriate use of zero hours contracts, action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace, providing fair pay for worker, offer flexible and family friendly working practices for all workers, oppose the use of fire and rehire practices. As an accredited real living wage employer the Council is committed to encouraging the wider adoption of the real living wage. This is an hourly rate set by the living wage foundation of which the latest rate can be found on the Living Wage Foundation website.

Provision of Food

The procurement of food considers the wider community focus of improving the health and wellbeing of young people and communities in the Borders. Promoting a sustainable food supply chain by (where possible) the use of Scottish produce through collaborative contracts supports the delivery of healthy choices to support healthy eating. Food security and ethics are of equal importance and the Council follows Scottish Government guidance to ensure consideration of the highest levels of animal welfare.

Prompt Payment

The effect of late payment on SME's can be significant, impacting cash flow and the ability to trade. As direct support the Council has a prompt payment policy and related performance indicator which aims to make payment of invoices within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice. To make sure this policy flows through all stages of the supply chain, our terms and conditions of contract obliges our contracted suppliers to make payment of valid invoices within a similar 30 day period.

Consultation with Stakeholders

Service User and, where appropriate, wider community consultation is an integral part of commissioning considerations. The strategic importance and complexity of required outcomes will mainly govern the level of consultation undertaken and the choice of the procurement route followed. The final decision on these matters will always be considered in light of what is likely to provide best value for the local community.

Conflict of Interest

Council Officers and Members conducting business on behalf of the organisation have a responsibility to do so in a manner that is objective and ethical. As such we require any individual whether employee or supplier to declare such an interest before any procurement activity commences as the best way to handle conflicts of interest is to avoid them entirely.

Health & Safety Compliance

The Council is committed to achieving a culture that ensures it complies with all current Health and Safety legislation and in so doing endeavors to provide safe places and safe systems of work. This principal extends to those employed to do contracted works for and on behalf of the Council. The Council will only employ contractors who are SSIP accredited.

Improving the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the area

Adding Value to Communities through Community Benefits or 'social' requirements in public sector procurement is intended to ensure that wider local economic and social issues are considered when delivering construction works, service or supplies contracts. This is achieved through the inclusion of specific clauses within contracts known as community benefit clauses.

Environmental Impact and Climate Change

The Council is committed to reducing its environmental impact, including carbon emissions, wherever possible. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 places duties on public bodies to deliver their services in a way which supports this, including both internal activities, such as energy saving within buildings, and its work with partners. The way that the Council procures goods and services can have a huge environmental impact, and by purchasing items which can demonstrate a reduced negative effect on wildlife, natural resources and carbon emissions, we can reduce our carbon footprint and support suppliers to do the same.

Information/Data Management/Protection

The Council regards information as a valuable corporate asset which must be obtained, processed and protected diligently, lawfully and ethically. The approach to information governance focuses on safeguarding customers, providing business transparency and ensuring legislative compliance.
Relationships with 3rd parties who handle data on behalf of the Council, or with whom we share data are carefully managed. Contracts include information governance compliance conditions with these arrangements being documented and monitored.
We will expect all suppliers to take the same robust approach to information management as we do, even after their contract has expired.

Fairly & ethically traded goods

The Council supports the Fair Trade initiative because it reflects our commitment to sustainable development and offers the prospect that marginalised producers across the world will receive fairer deals for their produce. The Council will promote the use of fair trade products across all its services and raise awareness of fair trade amongst its staff and customers. The Council will (to the extent permitted by EU procurement legislation) embed Fair Trade into contracts with suppliers where it has a direct bearing on the required goods, services and works.

Modern Slavery Act 2015

The Council adopts a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking. We expect all those who work for and with us to adhere to this approach. As appropriate we will address areas of concern in the tendering process through requiring minimum standards and contract management.

Appendix 4 – Contracts awarded with Community Benefit Clauses*

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	End Date	Optional Extension	Estimated Contract Value
1001431	The Borders Green Team	Grounds maintenance for homeless temporary accommodation properties	14/04/2025	01/05/2025	30/04/2026	30/04/2027	£30,320
1001427	Mott MacDonald Limited	Eyemouth Bay and Harbour Marine Engineering Concept Study	27/05/2025	02/06/2025	02/01/2026	02/01/2026	£158,500
1001475	National Testing Services Limited	Road Coring 2025/26	10/06/2025	30/06/2025	29/06/2026	29/06/2026	£35,462
1001418	Fleet Factors	Fleet Managed Stores	06/08/2025	11/08/2025	10/08/2029	10/08/2033	£4,800,000
1001453	Cubby Construction Limited	3-5 Exchange Street Jedburgh	12/08/2025	12/08/2025	10/02/2026	10/02/2026	£652,763
1001460	Elveden Instant Hedge & Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees 2025-26	12/08/2025	14/08/2025	12/11/2025	12/11/2025	£13,255
1001455	National Development Team for Inclusion	LD Needs Assessment	25/08/2025	01/09/2025	31/01/2026	31/01/2026	£56,640
1001507	SLR Consulting Limited	Strategic Infrastructure Development Plan for Scottish Borders	03/09/2025	15/09/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£29,187
1001423	Clockwork Removals Limited	Peebles High School and Galashiels Academy Decant	09/09/2025	10/09/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£108,597
1001495	Aecom Limited	Off/on Street parking review	17/09/2025	01/10/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	£62,603
1001413	Finlayson's Contracts Limited	St Peter's Primary School Kitchen Upgrade	02/10/2025	08/10/2025	28/02/2026	28/02/2026	£364,817
1001539	BCA Insulation Limited	Air Source Heat Pumps (EES:ABS) 25-26	21/10/2025	21/10/2025	31/05/2026	31/05/2026	£305,888
1001540	BCA Insulation Limited	Internal Wall Insulation (EES:ABS) 25-26	21/10/2025	21/10/2025	31/05/2026	31/05/2026	£506,350
1001538	Union Technical Services Limited	Solar PV, Cavity Wall and Lift Insulation (EES:ABS) 25-26	22/10/2025	22/10/2025	31/05/2026	31/05/2026	£638,000

SBC Reference	Supplier Name	Subject Matter	Award Date	Start Date	End Date	Optional Extension	Estimated Contract Value
1001421	CTS Bridges Limited	Glenfield Bridge D & B	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	01/06/2026	01/06/2026	£170,706
1001546	Lanes Group PLC	CCTV Survey of Hawick Drainage Newtwork	27/11/2025	02/12/2025	03/03/2026	03/03/2026	£47,384
1001522	TD Trees & Land Services	Tree Surveys	28/11/2025	28/11/2025	27/11/2028	27/11/2028	£39,800
1001530	Architrail Velosolutions UK	Eyemouth Pump Track	02/12/2025	08/12/2025	30/06/2026	30/06/2026	£175,000
1001534	Aecom Limited	Bridge Inspections	05/12/2025	05/12/2025	31/03/2028	31/03/2028	£440,968
1001508	HAGS UK	Earlston Playpark	10/12/2025	15/12/2025	31/05/2026	31/05/2026	£285,000
1001547	Land Use Consultants Limited	Woodland Strategy Refresh	12/12/2025	01/01/2026	30/06/2026	30/06/2026	£48,537
1001548	Dapa Delta Limited	Process Improvement Consultant	27/01/2026	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	01/02/2028	£200,000
1001552	Ross Quality Control Limited	Clerk of Works Tweedbank Care Village	29/01/2026	08/03/2026	01/07/2027	01/01/2027	£48,360
1001490	First Stop Safety Training Limited	First Aid Training	05/02/2026	01/03/2026	28/02/2029	28/02/2030	£85,584
1001555	Babbity Environmental	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Woodland Strategy Refresh	05/02/2026	05/02/2026	31/07/2026	31/07/2026	£23,250
1001558	SWECO UK Limited	Tweed Trail Design Resource	05/02/2026	09/02/2026	02/04/2027	02/04/2028	£299,837
1001433	Various	Subcontracting Services Framework	23/03/2026	01/04/2026	31/03/2030	31/03/2030	£25,000,000

* Category C and unregulated contracts only. It is assumed that all Category A and B framework awards listed in appendix 2 include community benefits as a matter of course.

Appendix 5 – Supporting Documents

	ICL UK CB Case Study
	Kinly UK CB Study
	Riverside Truck Rental CB Case Study
	SRL Traffic Systems CB Case Study
	Sysco GB CB Case Study
	The Furnishing Service CB Case Study
	Tilicoultry Quarries CB Case Study
	YPO CB Case Study
	Changeworks CB Case Study
	Borders Innovation Park Community Benefits Report

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