

<b>Report on</b>	Procurement Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Installations and Equipment
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek member's approval for Council to avail of fire safety products and services from an established public procurement framework (ESPO).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Council has approx. 48 properties across the estate, and 150 vehicles including diverse plant which require servicing, repair and some replacement of fire safety equipment on an annual basis. Supply and maintenance is important to compliance with current fire legislation.
2.2	Recently suppliers have been provided on a quotation basis were legacy suppliers have been unable to retain quoted prices. As a result service the service been maintained. However a more sustainable procurement approach is required for longer term retention of such services.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Rather than pursue a public procurement exercise and a tested framework contract is available from ESPO to provide the services Council require. This framework agreement is for Fire Safety Products and Services for UK public sector bodies including Schools and Academies, Local Authorities, Police & Emergency Services, NHS and HSC Bodies, Central Government Departments & their agencies and Registered Charities.
3.2	The framework has four customer package options: (supply only), (service only – fully Inclusive), (service only – semi-inclusive) and (service only – basic). Similar to other frameworks utilised by Council, the framework has the potential for reduced pricing via aggregation of volume of those on the framework. The framework period extends fromm January 2016 to January 2019, with an extension option to January 2020.
3.3	The Council has used a procurement frameworks to purchase equipment and services in the past with good effect. Purchasing from the ESPO for the Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment is considered to be viable and adheres to Council's procurement policy requirements.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: Costs for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment are included within facility or maintenance budgets, and financial estimates for 18/19.</p> <p>Human: Officer time to arrange set up the contract with a local provider and access to fire safety equipment across the estate and fleet.</p>
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>The availability of fire safety equipment across the Council estate and fleet, and annual maintenance of same is essential to comply with current fire safety legislation to manage fire risk and adherence to insurance requirements.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to approve the recommendation to use the ESPO Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	None