



South Tyneside Council

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Procurement Pipeline - November 2025

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Report to the Executive (Cabinet)**

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Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Jim Foreman, Finance, Governance and Support Services

Report of Stuart Reid, Director of Business and Resources

Subject: Procurement Pipeline – Forward Plan November 2025

Date: 5th November 2025

Wards affected: all

Council ambitions: all

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

- No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

For Executive Decisions only:

Is the decision a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes

If not in the Forward Plan is the report: n/a

Relevant Scrutiny Chair: Cllr John McCabe, Overview and Scrutiny

Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny? Yes

(If the decision is anything other than any executive decision made by the Cabinet or a Key Decision made by an officer under delegated powers, call-in is not applicable. This should be explained in the report).

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out to inform all procurement activity to be undertaken from November 2025 up to May 2026, which carries a contract value of £350,000 or over, in line with the “Procurement Procedure Rules” set out within the Constitution.

Background Information

2. As part of the review into the “Procurement Procedure Rules” contained within the Constitution, Council determined at its annual meeting on 13th May 2025 that the threshold for contract approvals by cabinet be established at £350,000.
3. In addition to this, the Procurement Procedure Rules also requires two reports per year (June and November) outlining all planned procurement activity, over the value of £350,000 which is due to take place within the next 6 months. This will strengthen transparency and forward planning.
4. The Procurement Act 2023 went live on the 24th February 2025, this also places a duty on public sector organisations with a spend of £200m or more, to publish pipeline notices for contracts over £2m in value, looking forward at least 18 months, but ideally 3 to 5 years.
5. Under the current short term financial settlement and grant funding arrangements, it is difficult to plan all procurement activity 3 to 5 years ahead other than the recurring contracts for commodities and some services. There will inevitably be additional projects undertaken or additional funding received, which do not align to these timescales, and Cabinet will be updated accordingly within the twice-yearly reports.

Main issues and Options to be Considered

6. The contracts listed in Appendix 1, Table 1, are all new requests which the Corporate Procurement Service have received or are aware of from their annual Workplan.
7. It was also agreed from November 2024 onwards the report will also include a table of all contracts awarded in the previous 6-month period, and this is shown in Table 2.
8. Cabinet is asked to note that as some of the contracts may not be required immediately, while others are at the very early planning stage, therefore full information may not be available. For example, the contract value may not yet be known, or may be based on previous contract information, which would be

updated prior to the contracts being advertised and/or the route to market may not yet have been determined. There is also a possibility that some of the proposed procurements may not progress. All information provided will be updated within the next report to Cabinet.

9. This information enables members to feed into processes that are not yet complete, obtain further information from the appropriate Directors, or to ensure that Council priorities are adequately built into procurement activity from the outset.

Financial and Resources

10. The Council through its procurement activity has a duty to ensure that Value for Money is achieved, and that all such activity includes the involvement of the Corporate Procurement Service.
11. In the financial year 2024-25 savings of £950k were made against our contractual arrangements.
12. The procurement service also delivered income of £985k namely from its Supplier Incentive Programme, its North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) rebate as well as rebate income from certain contracts.
13. There is also a requirement that prior to any procurement activity being undertaken that the instructing officer has estimated the value of the contract and that they have sufficient budget available.

Legal and Governance

14. All procurement activity will be carried out in line with the "Procurement Procedure Rules" as contained within the Constitution and national legislation, the Procurement Act 2023, and for existing contracts let prior to the Procurement Act coming into effect the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR2015).

Risk

15. Whilst there are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report, risks will be identified on individual contracts that require Cabinet approval.

Equality and Diversity and Community

16. Whilst there are no significant equality, diversity, community and integration implications arising from the proposed recommendations in this report, individual contract approvals will be required to cover these areas in detail.

Environmental and Sustainability

17. Through our procurement activity and within the procurement pipeline shown at Appendix 1, these will be considered for Social Value and subsequent evaluation weightings applied, covering the environment, economy, skills and social benefits with additional community commitments captured in line with the Corporate Aims.

Council Ambitions, Policies, Strategies and Plans

18. Through our corporate procurement activity and within the procurement pipeline shown at Appendix 1, all Council Ambitions will be supported and included depending upon the individual nature of the goods, services or works being procured and feeds into the Council's commitment supporting openness and transparency.

Consultation and Engagement

19. There will be an ongoing need for consultation and engagement between procurement and Council services to ensure the Procurement Pipeline is continually updated with upcoming third-party supplier activity and to publish this information ensuring transparency and early notification of plans.
20. As part of the procurement exercise and where appropriate market engagement or consultation should take place at the planning stages of the procurement to both inform and allow for supplier input, prior to the procurement commencing.

Recommendations

21. That Cabinet note the list of procurement activity contained within Appendix 1, Table 1.
22. Cabinet continues to receive an updated report twice a year and note contracts awarded at Table 2 in the previous 6-month period.

23. In line with reporting requirements as part of the Procurement Act 2023, that Procurement Pipeline notices will be published in a timely manner where possible.

Reasons for Recommendations

24. To enable the procurement of goods, works and services required for the efficient and effective delivery of services.

25. To enable Cabinet to be updated with progress and changes to the procurement forward plan.

26. To comply with the Procurement Act 2023

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Procurement Pipeline

Procurement Pipeline – November 2025

The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location
None		

Table 1**Appendix 1****Procurement Pipeline**

Group	Description of Contract	Procurement Approach	Annual Contract Value	Contract Length (months)	Extension Period (months)	Total Term (months)	Total Contract Value	Contract Start Date
Business and Resources	Public Health Funerals and Coroners Removal of the Deceased	Open Procedure	£ 101,750	48	0	48	£ 407,000	01/12/2025
Business & Resources	Events framework	Internal Framework	£ 165,000	36	24	60	£ 660,000	01/01/2026
Business & Resources	Events Framework - Bents Park	TBC	£ 165,000	24	24	48	£ 660,000	01/01/2026
Community Operations	Framework for Communal Doors and Door Entry Systems	TBC	£ 200,000	36	24	60	£ 600,000	04/01/2026
Community Operations	River Drive Structural Works	Competitive flexible	£ 850,000	6	0	6	£ 850,000	01/02/2026
Place Strategy	Heat Pump Maintenance	External framework	£ 80,000	36	24	60	£ 400,000	01/02/2026
Community Operations	Housing Services Mobile Operations Software (Total Mobile)	External Framework	£ 290,000	36	12	48	£ 1,160,000	01/04/2026
Public Health	0-19 Children and Families Public Health Service	PSR Competitive Process	£ 3,516,407	60	24	84	£ 24,614,849	01/04/2026

Table 2**Appendix 1**

Contracts and Frameworks Awarded in the Previous Period				
Cabinet Date	Description of Contract/Framework	Supplier/s Awarded	Contract Period	Contract Value £
21 st May 2025	Adult Advocacy Provision	Your Voice Counts	5 years	£2,100,000
21 st May 2025	Lizard Lane Social Housing Development	Groundwork package – BCE Northern; Brickwork package – Buildroute; Roofing package – John Flowers Ltd	One- off	£784,468; £347,200; £143,459
21 st May 2025	Reynolds Ave Social Housing Development	Groundwork package – BCE Northern; Brickwork package – Brickwork Direct; Roofing package – John Flowers Ltd	One-off	£842,043; £374,611; £247,099
28 th May 2025	S185 Drainage Diversion Works for College Relocation	Castle Building Services	3 months	£789,655
13 th August 2025	Staff benefits – Car Lease Scheme (recovery of lease made via payroll)	NHS Fleet Solutions (part of Northumbria Healthcare Trust	4 years	£7,200,000
13 th August 2025	Civica 360 Software renewal	Civica UK Ltd.	5 years	£437,397
13 th August 2025	Refurbishment of Customs House PCSA (Pre Construction Service Agreement)	GMI Construction Group	One - off	£73,561 (PCSA)
24 th September 2025	Roofing Framework	Multiple suppliers awarded onto the framework (4 lots)	2 year + 2 year option to extend	£17,200,000
24 th September 2025	Electrical Materials Framework	Multiple suppliers	1 year + 1 year option to extend	£750,000

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