



South Tyneside Council

item 5

Procurement Pipeline

- June 2026

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Cabinet – 1 July 2026

Report to the Executive (Cabinet)

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Susan Sybenga, Deputy Leader and Finance and Resources

Report of Stuart Reid, Director of Business and Resources

Subject: Procurement Pipeline – Forward Plan June 2026

Date: 1 July 2026

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 Ford, 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 June 2026 up to November 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 19 May 2026 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 24 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. 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. In addition to the contracts listed in Table 1, there will be a number of North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) frameworks and calls-offs that will be undertaken in the period. These follow separate governance and approval routes as per the procurement procedure rules set out in the constitution.
8. 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.

9. Regarding the contract awarded to Money Matters, shown in Table 2, it should be noted that the contract value is not the cost to the Council, but is the value of the additional voluntary contributions expected to be made by employees towards their pensions during the term of the contract.
10. 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.
11. 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

12. 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.
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, the Provider Selection Regime 2023 (Health related contracts) 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 – June 2026

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
Adult Social Care and Commissioning	South Tyneside Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) for the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) and South Tyneside Healthnet Service.	Open Procedure for a Light Touch Contract	£ 135,523	36	0	36	£ 406,569	01/09/2026
Adult Social Care and Commissioning	Sensory Support Service	Open Procedure for a Light Touch Contract	£136,424	60	12	72	£818,544	01/12/2026
Community Operations	River Drive Structural Works	Open Procedure	£350,000	7	0	7	£350,000	01/12/2026
Community Operations Place Strategy	Void Security	Direct Award via PfH Framework	£250,000	24	24	48	£1,000,000	01/08/2026
Business and Resources	Operation and Maintenance of Heat Networks	External framework (NHS NOE0609)	£150,000	36	24	60	£750,000	01/10/2026

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 £
5 th November 2025	8,Chatsworth House (fire damage)	Gateley Smithers Purslow	One -Off	£350,000
5 th November 2025	Framework for Heating Installations and Associated Works	Ranked 1 st Buston and Maughan Ltd., Ranked 2 nd Rothwell Plumbing Services Ltd.	2 years with 2 x1 year optional extensions	£8,000,000
5 th November 2025	0-19 Service for Children and Families	Harrogate and District Foundation Trust	5 years with 2-year optional extension	£24,614,849
3 rd December 2025	NECA – Connected Kerb (EV Charging)	Connected Kerb	One-off	£901,000
3 rd December 2025	Contract for Public Health Funerals and Coroners Removal of the Deceased	Richard Dalton Funerals Regent Funeral Services	4 years	£407,000
3 rd December 2025	Total Mobile Connect	Total Mobile Ltd.	4 years	£1,160,000
3 rd December 2025	Staff Benefits – AVC Scheme	Money Matters	5 years	£3,347,110
28 th January 2026	Mixed Recycling Facility (MRF)	Cumbria Waste Group	1 year extension	£372,666
11 th March 2026	One Housing Contract Renewal	MRI Software Ltd.	3 years	£540,889
11 th March 2026	Framework for the Supply of Equipment and Event stewarding	Multiple suppliers awarded	3 years with 1-year optional extension	£800,000
11 th March 2026	Right to Buy Leasehold Insurance	Aspen Insurance	3 years with 2year optional extension	£676,144