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Finance Committee	22 September 2015
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City Procurement Quarterly Update	
Report of:	For Information
The Chamberlain	

Summary

The report updates Members on the work of City Procurement and key areas of progress between May and July 2015.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the progress report on key strategic improvement projects and performance:
 - a. Projected 2015/16 Savings of £8.65M against target of £8.27M
 - b. PO Compliance averaging at 94% in 2015/16
 - c. 95% of all supplier payments happening within 30 days
 - d. 85% of Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) supplier payments happening within 10 days
- b) Note the update on exemption of Legal Counsel Fees as requested at May Finance Committee and the recommendation for the exemption to remain until a viable and efficient process can be developed and adopted.

Main Report

Background

City Procurement has three main functions, Category Management/Sourcing, Accounts Payable and Policy and Compliance. The service has a number of key improvement projects that support the objectives of the Procurement Strategy 2015-2018 presented to Finance Committee in June 2015. This report updates on progress of the key projects and current performance of delivery against the service KPIs set in April 2015.

City Procurement Strategy and Key Improvement Projects

 The City Procurement 3 year strategy has 4 themes and in year 1 the focus is on achieving Operational Excellence. The key improvement projects supporting this strategy current are:

- a) Contract Management Review A service based review group sponsored by the Comptroller and City Solicitor has been established to review the City's existing contract management regime and capabilities with an expected report outlining the future recommended approach City should adopt to ensure greater consistency in achieving contracted savings and service levels is realised during the life of a contract. This group led by the Head of City Procurement to date has established that in relation to the City, contract management falls into 3 main disciplines:
 - a. Delivery and Performance Management
 - b. Contract Administration
 - c. Commercial and Strategic Management

The group has also been reviewing the City's current performance and capability against each of these disciplines and has found although there are some pockets of good practice in each discipline, they are found at department level with no cross sharing off skills, process or monitoring found. The group will consider the supplier base of the City prior to producing a recommendation paper on the future of City contract management which will cover, governance, process, resource, roles and responsibilities, performance and risk monitoring and reporting.

- b) **Transformation to elnvoicing** A task group led by the Head of Accounts Payable is reviewing the available software options, as well as learning from other organisations that have transitioned to almost full elnvoicing. A cost benefit analysis and recommendation paper is to be produced by end of September 2015.
- c) City Procurement Code 2015 The City's new Procurement Code (formerly known as Regulations) are to be brought to Finance Committee and Court of Common Council in September 2015 for decision. The 2015 Code has been developed to reflect the newly introduced UK Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and Small Business Act 2015 as well as a number of statutory requirements and local operational benefits.
- d) **Implementation of eSourcing –** The City has now fully transitioned to full eSourcing capability with the launch of the CapitalEsourcing platform at 1st May 2015. This solution allows all level of buying to be done online giving visibility and transparency to all our buying activities as well as an audit trail of all contracts put in place. This complies with audit and risk recommendations and supports the UK Government's eSourcing and Transparency agenda in relation to procurement. All existing suppliers have now transitioned to the new portal.
- e) Payment Card Policy Development City Procurement in consultation with Finance, Human Resources and current payment card holders have developed a Procurement Card policy. This policy will ensure appropriate use of City payment cards and the description of spend that can now be publically accessed due to the UK Government's Transparency Code 2014 regulations. The policy coincides with a new payment card contract with

- Lloyds Banking Group going live and new self-service portal for spend management being introduced in December 2015.
- f) Responsible Procurement Strategy This strategy is being drafted as a sub-set of the City Procurement Strategy with a focus on the City's key objectives in social, sustainability, small business, living wage and equality deliverables that could be achieved through supplier contracts. This Strategy is being developed in conjunction with Economic Development, Town Clerks and other key service departments and will be brought to Finance Committee later this year for information.
- 2. The key projects Roadmap can be found at Appendix 1 showing the full list of key projects underway at present supporting the 4 procurement strategy themes.

Efficiency and Savings

3. City Procurement is set an annual savings target at the start of each year, this target is based on the contracts to be let during the financial year that have the potential to make efficiency or cost savings and contracts let in previous years that are generating guaranteed savings in the current year. Each contract is reviewed by the relevant Category Board to set the targets, each contract target considers historic spend, scope changes, complexity, risk and industry benchmarks before setting a target. The annual City Procurement target is the total realised cashable savings in-year to be derived from all previously let and new in-year contracts signed off by the 7 operating Category Boards. The 2015/2016 City Procurement target is £8.27M.

The Annual Savings Target elements

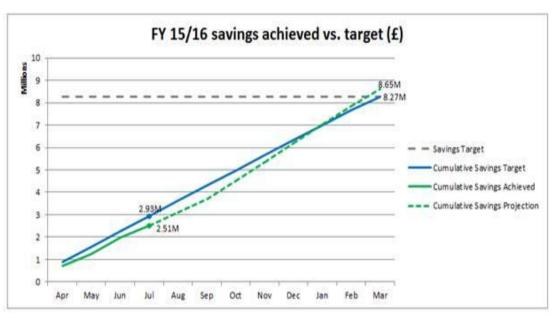
- 4. The 2015/2016 annual savings target is set using two types of in-year savings. Those are:
 - a) Previously let contracts generating savings (known as run-rate) Savings already guaranteed for the current financial year from contracts let in previous years. This is for contracts that span different financial years and is typically for service contracts that are let for a 2-7 year period when the savings are spread across the contract life. This sustainable savings approach ensures savings are monitored and match the budgeted amounts.
 - b) **New contracts let generating savings** Savings targeted to be generated from new contracts let during the financial year, for note depending on when the contract is let, it may only generate a part years' saving, with a full annual saving not realised until the following financial year.
- 5. The savings targets are for competitive price savings and are not inclusive of scope changes/service downgrades or other operation decisions which are treated as local department savings.

6. The savings are also monitored to capture budget impact savings which are those which will result in budget reductions. Other types of reported efficiencies such as resource reduction and cost avoidance are also tracked and reported within the total targeted savings of £8.27M.

2015/2016 Efficiencies and Savings progress as end of July 15

- 7. City Procurement has achieved £2.51M at the end of July 15 compared to the target of £2.93M for this period, the current shortfall is due to 3 key projects taking a little longer to conclude than expected, the finalisation of these contracts during September/October should see the savings achieved return to a positive position. In terms of the annual position City Procurement is projecting a positive end of year position of realised savings totally £8.65M against the 2015/2016 target of £8.27M as illustrated in the Figure A below. Of the projected £8.65M total savings, it is projected that £6.74M will be budget impact savings resulting in budget adjustments for any newly realised savings achieved within 2015/2016.
- 8. This projected position is reconciled on a monthly basis.

Figure A



Accounts Payable Performance - PO Compliance/No PO No Pay

9. Extensive communication was undertaken with City Corporation departments and suppliers in the final months of 2014/15 in preparation of the launch of the City's No PO No Pay policy. Early results in the first 4 months of 2015/16 indicate that Our PO Compliance is currently averaging at 94%, improving vastly from 70% prior to implementation of the policy in late 2014. A summary of PO Compliance by Department is at Appendix 2.

Payment Performance

10. As at the end of July 15, The City's 30 days invoice paid on time performance is 95% (Target 98%) with our mean average payment days being 11 days and our 10 day SME invoice paid on time is 85% (Target 80%) with our mean average

payment days being 8 days. The 30 payment figure has reduced slightly from 97% across April, May and June due to a task team working to close out older invoices that have been on-hold or in dispute. Their positive actions in reducing such invoices from circa 4,000 invoices down to less than 1,000 during June/July have had a negative impact on our payment performance stats as many are invoices that have been in the system longer than 30 days. We expect payment performance to increase to targeted levels after the summer recess period once the majority of officers are present and on-hold invoices are at a management level.

Current Waiver performance

11. This part of the report sets out the quarterly update on the approval of waivers. The following tables set out a summary of the total number and value for waivers in 2014/15 and the reasons for the waivers. Waivers under £50,000 require Chief Officer approval, with those above requiring the approval of the Chamberlain or a spend committee.

Table 1- Waivers under £50,000

2015/16	Number	Value (£)	Average Value(£)
Q1 (April – June)	388	3,099,325	7,988
2014/15	Number	Value (£)	Average Value(£)
Q1 (April – June)	141	938,861	6,659

Table 2 - Waivers over £50,000

2015/16	Number	Value (£)	Average Value(£)
Q1 (April – June)	5	726,985	145,397
2014/15	Number	Value (£)	Average Value(£)
Q1 (April – June)	3	277,000	92,333

Table 3 – Analysis of reasons for waivers

	15/16 Q1	14/15 Q1
Officer's Chosen Supplier	212	68
Single Source Supplier	98	44
Not Stated / Other	65	24
Outside Corporate Contract	7	5
Extension of Contract	6	0
Total	388	141

12. The number of waivers is under the current regulations is still significant with circa 400 in total recorded in quarter 1 of 2015/2016. They have increased in both numbers and value since the same period last year. The new Procurement Code 2015's introduction will remove the vast majority of waivers as table 1 illustrates the average waiver value is £7k. The increase of the procurement

minimum threshold to £10k will remove the vast majority of waivers, thus reducing administration for City Procurement and City officers and allow City Procurement resource to be deployed in more vale add activities.

Spend with SMEs

13. For the period July 14 to July 15, 40% of the City's spend was with SMEs (inclusive of 8% Social Enterprises). This figure remains positive and well in advance of the UK Government's public sector target of 25%.

Purchase Order Exemptions - legal fees

- 14. At May's Finance Committee the inclusion of Counsel fees/legal advice in the purchase order exemption policy was discussed, and Members asked for this to be reviewed and a report submitted to a future meeting.
- 15. A Purchase Order (PO) exemption was given to Comptrollers & City Solicitors (C&CS) on the basis that C&CS do not know how much the counsel fees will total when they request the work, making it difficult to raise an accurate Purchase Order for an exact amount. The City Procurement Team has conducted further research and recommends that 'counsel fees' remains an exemption on the basis of the following additional information.
- 16. When new work is commissioned via any given chambers, the work may be allocated by the supplier to any of a number of different individual barristers/counsels. In such situations the City of London Corporation has to pay the individual barristers directly as they are regarded as self-employed. The "supplier" on a PO needs to be the same as the payee on the invoice in order to be able to match the invoice to the PO. Therefore, C&CS could only raise a PO in advance if they knew which barrister(s) would be carrying out the work.
- 17. Due to the increased administration of having to set up each new barrister as a new supplier on Oracle, the raising of PO's for all work undertaken by barristers (on an individual basis) once they are named and the impact of cancelling PO's when they do not match to the exact amount invoiced it is recommended that 'counsel fees' remain on the PO exemption List. City Procurement will continue to explore with C&CS alternative methods to work with barristers that could allow the raising of purchase orders. To confirm there is a process internally to C&CS to ensure value for money and appropriate approvals are sought prior to work orders being sent to chambers.

Conclusion

18. City Procurement continues to enhance its service levels whilst achieving improving performance, attaining consistently its KPIs. The strategy of developing to operational excellence levels during 2015/2016 is well underway with a series of improvement programmes, managed at an implementation pace that does not impact service delivery levels.

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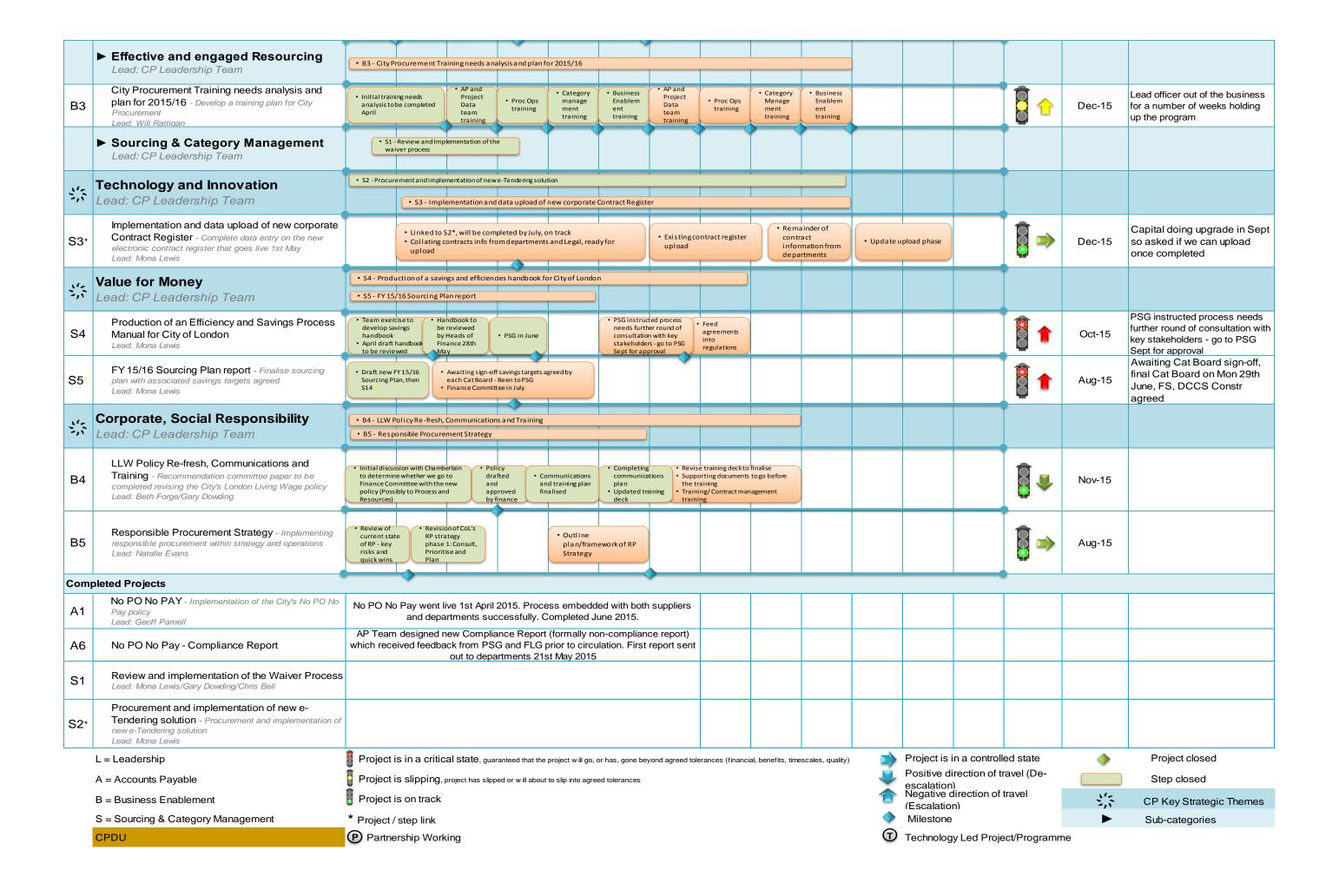
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Appendix 1 – City Procurement Key Projects Roadmap

ID	Key Projects	2015 2016							RAG	Expected Completion	Comments (needed if RAG						
	Last updated March 2015	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		Date	Amber or Red)
	Procurement Strategy 2015-2018 Lead: Chris Bell	Drafting of procuremen strategy with consultation stakeholden	t a h o from N	nd Chief Fi fficers in Co lay for • St	pproved by inance ommittee June trategy now ublic											Jun-15	Complete
L1	Review and proposal for enhanced Contract Management within City of London Lead: Chris Bell/Michael Cogher	Service bas review gro be set up a opportunit outline fins	upto n y	• Worksh 1 to be held 17 June	respoi week	work task issued un, Homework nses issued by 2n- ul hop 2 held 24th J	Worksho 7th Aug	to be held	ı	• SBR final report Nov						Nov-15	Project taken longer due to complexity and number of stakeholders to be consulted
3/5	Operational Excellence Lead: CP Leadership Team																
	► Payment Efficiency Lead: CP Leadership Team	• A4 - Invoid	• A2 - E-Invoid ces on Hold d Implementa	tion, Policy, Com	munications and		y Supplier creati	ion Process									
A2	E - Invoicing - Identify the best e-Invoicing solution (currently using Procserve and then develop strategy to switch the majority of supplier invoices from paper based to electronic Lead: Geoff Parnell		Project plants	an putin place suppliers to e-		teamworking c d will produce re at PSG	_	De ci sion n	license finishe needs to be ma or source news	deto	• Onboardi	ng suppliers to a	e-invoicing			Mar-16	
А3	New Supplier creation Process - Process for creating a supplier on CBIS Lead: Mark Vincent/Andrew Lenihan								 Check with Ca been designed everything, ge approved and ready for testi 	to cover t developments e-forms updated	well report	with go live				Jan-16	E-invoicing and P-Card system implementation have taken priority
A4	Invoices on Hold - Reduce number of invoices on hold to improve invoice payment statistics Lead: Geoff Parnell/Andrew Lenihan	stay at mar • Reduce hol	ategy to ensure na geable level ds to manageab cessary holds by	inv le level • Co / R12 eff	contact people c v on hold quarted entinuing to review fective ness how w id resolve holds	y Apr-Jun v	Initial change w plan to chase u but review to ta see whether th will continue	p bi-monthly, ake place to	Bi-month invoices of		Bi-monthl invoices o review eff	n hold and	Bi-monthly invoices on review effe	holdand		Mar-16	
A5	P-Card Implementation, Policy, Communications and Training - City of London payment card policy to be published after committee approval; Select a P-Card provider to handle our P-Card spend Lead: Mark Vincent/Beth Forge	Demo's, ter decision Draft policy developme public view	in nt, ready for	Build and system	implement	User worksh build the sy: Consultation stakeholder	stem •	Policy workshop Training and fina policy document Amendments to	lising the ation	Go live ne system No Ensure fur all info en	v-15 ctionality and					Dec-15	Policy taken longer than expected, continuous amendments to build and training plan held up as lead training officer out of office for number of weeks
	► Compliance, Policies, Risk Assurance			• B1 - Procurem	ent and EU Regi	ulations Re-fres	h, Guidance, Coi	mmunications a	nd Training								
	and Health and Safety Lead: CP Leadership Team	• B2 - Desig	n and Implem	entation of Corp	orate Procurem	ent Documenta	tion										
B1*	Procurement Code and EU Regulations Re-fresh, Guidance, Communications and Training - Publish and implement the City procurement regulations 2015 Lead: Gary Dowding/Will Rattigan/Joanna Smith/Beth Forge			 Draft revised regulations and agree newinter procedure by m Jun 15 	im review, to	pteamto o wider ion before	Oct for app, Get reart 1 to Finance 2 Council 10 Oct on	2 first draft ready egs app Part 1 - Ru 22 Sept & Commo ce B16* a dvocate ct 15 (linked to B2	n eed deve	ning to run Oct on d impact assess me lop implementati for comms, traini ance	ent and on	Classroom learning or	based training angoing	and e-	- €	Nov-15	Committee approvals moved from July to Sept to facilitate production of a more user friendly Procurement Code
B2*	Design and implementation of Corporate Procurement Documentation - Rollout a complete suite of standard procurement documentation Lead: Joanna Smith/Gary Dowding	Standard mode documents a for use on Bi Bravo to sta	approved ravo	PQQ agreed & be Comments receiv draft ITT ready by Produced core do services (PQQ, ITT	ved by comptroller y Jun ocument for suppl	sfinal new F B1*) i es & in sta										Aug-15	Complete



Appendix 2 - Summary of PO Compliance by Department

City of London Compliance Report Overview – July 2015

Compliance Ranking by Department - July 2015

Department	Invoices* Received	Invoices Returned to supplier	Value of Invoices Returned to Supplier	% of Invoices Returned to supplier	Ranking
CCC - (Central Criminal Court)	43	0	£0.00	0%	1
CHA - (Chamberlains)	1005	9	£30,913.26	1%	2
CLG - (CoL School for Girls)	165	2	£766.26	1%	2
SOL - (Comptrollers & City Solicitors)	53	1	£11,040.00	2%	3
TCK - (Town Clerks)	367	8	£11,472.79	2%	3
MAN - (Mansion House)	88	2	£1,233.09	2%	3
GSM - (Guildhall School of Music & Drama)	736	28	£28,825.79	4%	4
BBC - (Barbican Centre)	1255	60	£249,331.54	5%	5
SVY - (City Surveyors)	731	35	£252,523.06	5%	5
OSD - (Open Spaces)	604	29	£22,438.00	5%	5
CLF - (CoL Freemen's School)	186	9	£6,157.98	5%	5
CHL - (Culture, Heritage & Libraries)	399	20	£24,585.47	5%	5
REM - (Remembrancers)	52	3	£1,066.75	6%	6
DCCS - (Children and Community Services)	810	56	£84,244.25	7%	7
ENV - (Environmental Services)	405	33	£271,685.44	8%	8
MKT - (Markets)	309	26	£19,990.96	8%	8
CLS - (CoL School for Boys)	169	19	£12,002.03	11%	9
CSJ - (Sir John Cass)	72	12	£6,654.17	17%	10
POL - (Police)	631	128	£170,507.63	20%	11
Grand Total	8080	480	£1,205,438.47		

* Invoices above includes Payment Request Forms and RCG Refunds

Invoices Returned to Supplier with No PO

480	60/	£1,205,438,47
400	070	£1.200.430.47

Breakdown of Compliance - July 2015

Туре	Invoice Volume	Value of Invoices	%of Invoices
Compliant	7600	£42,100,902.58	94%
Non Compliant	480	£1,205,438.47	6%
Grand Total	8080	£43,306,341.05	100%

