AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

13 March 2025

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET / KEY DECISION

Leader of the Council - Lead Cabinet Member - Councillor Bob Cook

PROCUREMENT PLAN / HIGHER VALUE CONTRACTS AND SOCIAL VALUE UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from Cabinet for the award of planned higher value contracts where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority and which are either funded within the approved MTFP/ Capital Programme or are subject to a bid for external funding.

The report also includes an update on progress against the Social Value Policy approved by Cabinet last year.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS

To enable Cabinet to exercise its strategic oversight of higher value planned procurement projects, in accordance with the constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet

- 1. approves the contracts listed in Annex 1;
- gives authority to the relevant Director or Assistant Director to make the specific contract award decision and any subsequent contract variation, annual inflationary uplifts (where allowed in the contract terms and conditions) and extension decision in accordance with the delegations listed in Annex 1;
- 3. notes progress on social value.

DETAIL

- 1. The constitution defines a range of decisions that require a specific Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which is set at a level of £500k or more. Annex 1 lists contracts that exceeds the financial threshold and have not otherwise been delegated to officers.
- Cabinet approved a Social Value Policy in March 2023 and Annex 2 provides an update
 of the financial proxy value of social value delivered during 2024. Annex 3 provides 2 case
 studies of social value achieved during 2024. The first is by Change Grow Live (Integrated
 Substance Misuse contract). A good example of what a small contractor can achieve. The

second case study is provided by Esh Construction and covers various schemes across the borough. Annex 4 provides the list of Social Value measures (TOMs) for reference.

- 3. Cabinet should note the inevitable variation in social value delivered which is caused by some large-scale construction contracts which can be affected by the contracting cycle, where there is often a front loading of social value at the start of a contract or due to the very nature of the contract. This variation is normal and does not indicate poor performance. Social Value was particularly high in 2023 due to the amount of demolition waste from the Swallow and Castlegate Centre that was recycled and also the completion of The Sycamores estate.
- 4. The approach to Social Value has developed further during 2024/25 and includes:
 - a. Embedded the TOMs measures relating to donating to the VCSE sector which now means suppliers, providers and contractors can donate time, equipment or money to the sector through the Catalyst website. These are linked to the 'asks' from individual Catalyst member organisations. £38,301 has been committed to the following TOMs measures:

C-NT15 – Provision of Business advice to VCSEs / SME

C-NT16 – Equipment or resources donated to VCSE

C-NT17 – Number of voluntary hours donated to support VCSEs

C-NT28 – Donations or in-kind contributions to local community projects.

Contract management processes will continue during 2025/26 to ensure the commitments are delivered.

- b. Introduced a Social Value calculator for use in direct awards under a framework agreement.
- c. Converting an existing Contract Management Officer role to a Social Value Officer to increase capacity to deliver more social value.
- d. [Introduced a new TOMs measure for care leavers:

NT4a - No of full time equivalent local 16 – 25 year old care leavers (FTE) hired on the contract]

e. Working regionally to improve the delivery of social value through our NEPO contracts. NEPO have developed a new approach to measuring social value which will be used for those NEPO contracts that do not require a further competition at local authority level. A review will be undertaken during 25/26 to determine the effectiveness of the new methodology and whether to migrate the use of TOMs to this methodology

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The report includes higher value contracts expected to be awarded in the 2025/26 financial year. The expenditure committed as a result of these tenders/ quotes is planned and remains within the Council's approved budget/MTFP or is subject to a bid for external funding which will ensure that at the point of contract award funds are available within the MTFP.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6. Notwithstanding Cabinet approval it remains the responsibility of officers to ensure that the correct processes within Contract Procedure Rules have been followed and that where applicable the Procurement Act 2023 is complied with.
- 7. Where the value of goods, services or works exceeds the threshold at which the procurement process must comply with the Procurement Act 2023, either a tender exercise or the use of a suitable framework agreement will comply with the Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

8. There are several risks relating to procurement. Firstly, the Council spends a considerable amount of public money on goods, services and works. Having effective Contract Procedure Rules and ensuring compliance with the Procurement Act 2023 can help mitigate the risk of accusations of corruption and help demonstrate value for money and transparency. Secondly, effective tender/ quote processes and contract management also reduce the risk of poor supplier selection and subsequent performance which can impact service delivery.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

None specifically.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Cabinet March 2023 - Social Value Policy.

Name of Contact Officer: Martin Skipsey

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Contract Title: CCTV Maintenance

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a suitable provider to supply CCTV Maintenance Services for all current and future CCTV assets and installations.
- 2. The new contract will commence from 01.11.2025 for a period of 3 years with 2 x 24 months possible extensions
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £200k.

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: TVSBC - Food Waste Caddies

- 1. The Council will call off from a suitable framework agreement to allow the purchase of Internal and External Food Waste Caddies required with the introduction of the requirement for Local Authorities to collect food waste from April 2026.
- 2. SBC will lead on a Tees Valley combined further competition from a framework agreement for the caddies with Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, all authorities having agreed a standard specification.
- 3. Spend is anticipated to be in the region of £600k for SBC and up to £3m for the combined Tees Valley
- 4. The items are required for 1st April 2026 however as the demand for these items will be replicated across the whole country a long lead time may be necessary to meet supplier manufacturing timescales.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Framework Agreement for SBC Minor Works

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Minor Works and Services.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 01/04/2026 for a period of 3years with 2 x 12month extensions.
- 3. This framework will be split into circa 15 lots including for example: building services, Highways and Civil Engineering and DFG.
- 4. Current annual spend is variable and dependent upon individual project requirements. Spend in 23/24 was £1.045m

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional

advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Highways Surfacing Framework including Footway & Carriageway Repairs

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a suitable framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Services and Works for Highways Surfacing. The contract will cover Potholes and Programme Planing sections of highway.
- 2. The new contract will commence from November 2025 for a period of 2 years with 2 x 12-month optional extensions.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £450k

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Further Competition from NEPO201 for Managed Stores

- 1. The Council will carry out a further competition from NEPO201- Vehicles, Tyres and Workshop Equipment to appoint a supplier with whom the Council can purchase vehicle parts and associated products.
- 2. The new contract will commence from November 2025 for a period of 3 years with 2 x 12-month optional extension periods
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £450k

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Supply and Fit of Tyres & Associated Services

- The Council will carry out an SBC tender process or run a further competition from NEPO201- Vehicles, Tyres and Workshop Equipment to appoint a supplier with whom the Council can purchase tyres and fitting services.
- 2. The new contract will commence from June 2025 for a period of 1 year with 3 x 12 month optional extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £150k

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional

advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Further Competition for Supply and Delivery of Recycling Bags

- 1. The Council will carry out a further competition from NEPO224 or an appropriate framework to appoint a suitable provider for both Blue and White Recycling Bags to residential properties which are used for residents to store their paper, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles for recycling.
- 2. There will be a one-off tender for 130,000 blue bags initially, with a further 20,000 blue bags per year, and an additional 30,000 white bags to top up existing stock.
- 3. The contract will commence from Sept 2025 for a period of 4 years.
- 4. The expected spend is circa £551,000 in year one with £68,000 per year in the following years.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Yarm Road Transfer Station - Operator

- 1. The Council will carry out an appropriate procurement process to contract with an operator for a Waste Transfer Station to be operational by April 2026 in order to accept recycling waste collected via the waste collection service.
- 2. The Council and the contract will commence once timescales are agreed.
- 3. The expected spend is to be in the region of £250k per year.

Key Decision: No Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO210 Highways Surfacing Framework

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Highways Surfacing Requirements.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 17/06/2025 for a period of 8 years.
- 3. Current annual spend is variable and dependent upon individual project requirements.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO307 Liquid Fuels

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Liquid Fuels.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from November 2025 for a period of 2 years with 2 x 12-month optional extension periods.
- 3. Current annual spend is variable and is projected to decrease with the expansion of electric vehicles. Spend in 23/24 was £1.3m.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO234 Asbestos Removal Works

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Asbestos Removal Works
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 01/09/2025.
- 3. Current annual spend is variable and dependent upon individual project requirements however spend in 22/23 was approximately £1.1 million.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO222 Aggregates, Concrete & Mortar

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Aggregates, Concrete & Mortar.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 01/06/2025.
- 3. Current annual spend is variable and dependent upon individual project requirements however spend in 22/23 was approximately £1.1 million.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO/ TPPL EXT118 – Vehicle Rental TPPLCSKL02

- 1. NEPO/TPPL will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can Hire Vehicles up to 44ton. These are short term rental rather than contract hire.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 15/06/2025 and will be for a period of 3 years with 2 x 12month optional extension periods.
- 3. Current annual spend is variable and dependent upon quantity and types of vehicles hired. Spend in 24/25 is expected to be £213k

Key Decision: No Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: TVSBC - Extension to Residual Waste Treatment Contract

- The current contract for Residual Waste Treatment on behalf of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton on Tees Borough Councils runs to 31.3.2026. Due to issues relating to the procurement of the new Tees Valley Energy Recover Facility there is a requirement to extend the existing contract for a period of two years with a potential optional extension period to 31.3.2031.
- 2. This will allow the Tees Valley authorities to continue to dispose of their residual waste whilst the new facility is being built.
- 3. The anticipated cost of the extended period is circa £8m per year.
- 4. There is no alternative option for the disposal of the residual waste.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Microsoft 365 Licensing (ESA)

- The council will call off from a suitable framework agreement(s) to allow the Council to purchase the Microsoft Office 365 productivity suite, underpinning home working, remote working, collaboration software, telephony services, endpoint protection, enhanced identity protection, business intelligence software and classic ICT functions such as word processing, email and spreadsheets etc.
- 2. The call off contract will be on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Darlington Borough Council.
- 3. The new contract will commence 01.06.2026 with a 3-year term.
- 4. The current annual spend is circa £1,595k. Costs are fixed by a UK government agreed pricing model, SPA24.
- 5. Total contract spend will be £5,250k. (SBC £3,150k, DBC £2,100k)

- Year 1 (26/27) £1,750k (SBC £1,050k)
- Year 2 (27/28) £1,750k (SBC £1,050k)
- Year 3 (28/29) £1,750k (SBC £1,050k)

Delegated Officer: Gary Cummings, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Transformation & Performance

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: End User Device Replacement Program

- The council will call off from a suitable framework agreement to allow the Council to purchase ICT Hardware (laptops etc) and related support services such as warranty support.
- 2. The call off contract will be on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Darlington Borough Council, Tees Valley Combined Authority and Tees Active Ltd.
- 3. The new contract will commence 01.04.2025 with a 3-year term.
- 4. Total contract spend will be £2,820k. (SBC £1,820k)
 - Year 1 (25/26) £900k (SBC £525k)
 - Year 2 (26/27) £850k (SBC £525k)
 - Year 3 (27/28) £1,070k (SBC £770k)

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Gary Cummings, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Transformation & Performance

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO407 Food & General Provisions & NEPO416 Milk and Dairy Products

Two frameworks to be amalgamated, contract title TBC.

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Milk and Dairy Products, Food & General Provisions, used predominantly by Catering Services for school meals and for establishments requiring food for their catering provision.
- 2. The framework will commence on 01/07/2026 and is anticipated to be for a period of five years and three optional one-year extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend for the academic year 23/254 was circa £2,002,795

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP:

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with colleagues at Stockton Borough Council.

Contract Title: NEPO302 Gas Supply Framework Agreement

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a sole supplier of gas with whom the Council can purchase its Gas requirements across the estate.,
- 2. The new framework will commence on 31/03/2026 for a period of 6 years with no option to extend.
- 3. The value of the contract will be variable depending on the gas consumed. Spend in 23/24 was £1,687,218.29.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP:

Delegated Officer: Gary Cummings, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Transformation & Performance

Checks and Balances: In consultation with colleagues at Stockton Borough Council.

Contract Title: NEPO515 - Children's and Adult's Barristers

- 1. NEPO will carry out a procurement process to appoint a framework of suppliers the council can call upon for Children and Adult's Social Care Barrister Services.
- 2. The framework will commence on 04/04/2026 for a period of 4years with no optional extensions
- 3. The value of the contracts will be variable depending on the support required, spend from April 2023 to March 2024 was £187,464.18

Key Decision: No Funding within MTFP:

Delegated Officer: Ged Morton, Director of Corporate Services

Checks and Balances: In consultation with colleagues at Stockton Borough Council.

Contract Title: Integrated Substance Misuse Service

- 1. Change Grow Live (CGL) currently deliver the contract to support individuals with substance misuse issues and their recovery. This is their second term delivering the contract following the re-procurement exercise in April 2020. Since then, CGL has consistently met the contract requirements and performance outcomes.
- 2. Under the Provider Selection Regime, we can use the Direct Award process C to directly award the next contract to CGL, ensuring continuity of service delivery.
- 3. The new contract will commence on 1 April 2026 and is proposed to span five years. The current total contract value is approximately £11,335,000 plus further funding from DH&SC of £4,635,180 that has been varied into the current contract since 2021. If the funding from DH&SC is continued, the total contract value from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 would be £11,335,000 (recurrent funding) + £9,060,995 (DH&SC funding, which is not guaranteed) = £20,396,995.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Integrated Substance Misuse Service (additional funding)

- 1. Additional funding of £1,812,199 has been received for the Integrated Substance Misuse Service from the DH&SC for the 25/26 financial year.
- 2. It is not possible to vary the existing contract any further under the PCR2015 contract modification rules.
- 3. As such we need to establish an additional contract for the Integrated Substance Misuse Service to this additional funding
- 4. A new contract with CGL, effective from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, twill be awarded under the Provider Selection Regime to cover this year's additional funding.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP:

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with colleagues at Stockton Borough Council.

Contract Title: Apprenticeship Training

- 1. The Council is obliged to pay 0.5% if its annual pay bill into an account to fund Apprenticeship Training. This is known as the Apprenticeship Levy.
- 2. Apprenticeship training is sourced from approved providers who are registered on the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and includes Social Work apprenticeships, Business Analyst apprenticeship, Civil Engineering apprenticeship
- 3. Current annual spend (funded from the apprenticeship levy) is variable per year:
- 4. The spend is difficult to determine as the figures are for the full cost of the course and may not fall within the specific year period.

23/24 - £677,116

22/23 - £606,785

21/22 -£372,348

20/21 - £374,387

19/20 -£340,514

Key Decision: Yes **Funding within MTFP**: Yes

Delegated Officer: Ged Morton – Director Corporate Services

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Annual Supply of Grounds Maintenance Equipment

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a suitable provider to supply Grounds Maintenance Equipment for grass cutting in the summer, hedge maintenance in the winter as well as the hire of 4 quad bikes.
- 2. The new contract will commence from 01/03/2026 for a period of 2 years with 2 x 12 month optional extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £340k for equipment over the past 2 years, the hire of 4 quad bikes was incorporated into the contract for 24/25 financial year thereby annual estimated spend for 24/25 is £364K.

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

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Contract Title: Events Framework

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suitable providers to deliver Services to Facilitate Events throughout the year, this includes SIRF.
- 2. It is proposed to have different lots including but not limited to Audio; Visual; Lighting; Staging, Structures & Power Distribution; Security & Stewarding; Fencing; and Toilets. This will commence on 01/01/2026 for an initial term of 2 years with 2 x 12 months optional extension.
- 3. The estimated spend is circa £220k per annum, however this is dependent on the number of events that will be held and the spend can fluctuate from year to year. The estimated annual figure is based on the average spend across the past 3 years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25).
- Fencing £9,300
- Security £73,000
- Audio Visual & Lighting £61,000
- Staging, Structures & Power Distribution £67,000
- Toilets £7,300

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP**: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO418- Library Books and Digital content

- 1. NEPO will carry out a tender process to appoint a framework of suppliers with whom the Council can purchase Library Books and e-books.
- 2. The new framework will be in place from 05/09/2026 for a period of 4 years.
- 3. Current SBC annual spend is approximately £110,000

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP**: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment and Culture and Director Regeneration & Inclusive Growth.

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Further Competition - Short Term Community Rehabilitation and Reablement Beds

- 1. The Council will carry out a further competition from the Older People's Care Home Framework Agreement to appoint a suitable provider/ providers to deliver Short Term Community Rehabilitation Beds
- 2. The new contract will commence from a date during 25/26.
- 3. The current annual spend is estimated to be £442k pa (This will be existing spend but contracted in a more structured way to have people admitted to particular care homes as opposed to being randomly allocated)

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Further Competition - Single Gender Care Home Unit

- 1. The Council will carry out a further competition from the Older People's Care Home Framework to appoint a suitable provider to deliver a Single Gender Care Home Unit
- 2. The new contract will commence from during 25/26.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa estimated to be between £170-£260k pa (This will be existing spend and is likely to incrementally build up as suitable residents are identified, until at full agreed capacity)

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Framework Agreement for delivery of VCSE Infrastructure Support

- 1. The Council will carry out a Tender process to appoint a suitable sole provider to a Framework Agreement Providing and/or Co-ordinating a Range of VCSE Projects.
- 2. The new contract will commence from October 2025.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £200k. (Which is currently issued as Grant Funding)
- 4. Formalising a Framework Agreement for these services will provide opportunities to test the market and establish whether there are other organisations who have the expertise and networks to effectively co-ordinate a range of activities to support the VCSE sector. This will also include flexibility to quickly respond to changes to funding and emerging needs in the sector.

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Residential Care Accommodation for People with a Learning Disability and/or Autism

- 1. The Council will vary and extend the existing Framework Agreement for Residential Care Accommodation for People with a Learning Disability and/or Autism.
- 2. The extension to the contract will commence from 01/04/2025 for a period of 6 months.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £5.2m. (extension value £2.6m)
- 4. This extension will allow for a consultation to be commenced with Care Home Providers on a sustainable Fee structure.

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Residential Care Accommodation for people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism

- The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint suitable providers to a Framework Agreement for Residential Care Accommodation for people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism
- 2. The new contract will commence from 1 October 2025 for a period of 3.5 years & 2 x 12 months possible extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £5.2m.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Framework Agreement for Supported Living Services for Adults

- 1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint suitable providers to a Framework Agreement providing a range of Supported Living Services in a range of identified schemes.
- 2. The new contract will commence from 1 October 2025 for a period of 3.5 years & 2 x 12 m possible extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £6.2m (This will be existing spend currently made as spot provision)

Key Decision: Yes **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Public Health Contract for services delivered by Community Pharmacies (Stop Smoking, Needle Exchange, Supervised Consumption, Healthy Start Vitamins & C Card)

- 1. The Council will carry out a selection process to appoint suitable pharmacies providing a range of Community Pharmacy Services based on identified need.
- 2. The new contract will commence from 1 April 2026 or a period of 4 years
- 3. The current annual spend is £335k

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Public Health Contract for services delivered by GP Surgeries (NHS Healthcheck)

- 1. The Council will carry out a selection process to appoint suitable GP Surgeries to deliver NHS Healthchecks.
- 2. The new contract will commence from 1 April 2026 or a period of 4 years
- 3. The current annual spend is £300k

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Framework Agreement for Advice and Information Services

- 1. The Council will carry out a Tender process to appoint a suitable provider to a contract providing a range of Advice and Information Services.
- 2. The new contract will commence from a date to be confirmed (potentially October 2025 or April 2026)
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £244k.

Key Decision: No **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Garry Cummings, Director of Finance, Transformation and Performance

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: NEPO504 - Election & Electoral Print Services

1. NEPO will carry out a Tender process to appoint a suitable provider to a contract providing Election & Electoral Print Services on behalf of Northeast local authorities.

- The new contract will commence from November 2025.
- 3. The current annual spend for Stockton has ranged from £123k in 2023 (Local elections only) to £1,426,000 in 2024, when 3 elections were held. (Parliamentary, Mayoral and PCC). The anticipated spend was £120k pa when the contract commenced in 2021. Stockton's call off contract commenced 1/2/2022 and lasts until 31/1/2026.

Delegated Officer: Ged Morton, Director of Corporate Services

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Disposal Of Food Waste – Operator

- 1. To Council will undertake a tender process for a contract at a treatment facility to dispose of food waste collected as part of the new food waste collection service.
- 2. The period of the new contract will be determined as part of the procurement process.
- 3. The annual spend is estimated to be circa £141k.

Key Decision: No / Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Warm Homes Local Grant

- 1. Stockton Council along with Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Councils are bidding for funding to deliver energy performance upgrades in homes.
- 2. Darlington Council will conduct a further competition from the NEPO233 Retrofit and Decarbonisation Framework on behalf of the five Tees Authorities to determine a suitable supplier to deliver the works.
- 3. The new contract period will be determined as part of the procurement process.
- 4. The decision regarding funding is expected to be known circa Q1 of 25/26.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Tail Spend Management

 The Council has a requirement to manage it's "Tail Spend" which comprises multiple low value orders for goods and services to companies such as Amazon generally via the internet. Over time the aggregated spend of these low value orders exceeds the procurement threshold.

- 2. The council will call off from a suitable framework to manage this spend and achieve framework pricing and additional benefits which are not available when purchasing directly, for example, reduced delivery costs, data analysis, the ability to restrict categories of spend, the ability to show only local suppliers.
- 3. The call off contract could last for a maximum period of eight years depending on the framework used and would be determined as part of the procurement process.
- 4. It is anticipated that the potential spend could be up to £250k per year.

Delegated Officer: Ged Morton, Director of Corporate Services / Garry Cummings???

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Specialist Stop Smoking Service

- The Council will undertake an award process, under the Provider Selection Regime for Health Services, to appoint a suitable provider to deliver a Specialist Stop Smoking Service
- 2. The new contract will commence from 01/04/2025 for a period of 12 months, with 2 x optional 6-month extension periods.
- 3. The current annual spend is circa £587k.
- 4. This award will be made, pending the outcome of the Early Interventions Review, which will the inform future procurement route.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Home to School Transport (Taxis)

- 1. The council will undertake an appropriate procurement process to determine multiple providers able to transport children to and from home to school
- 2. The duration of the agreement will be determined as part of the procurement process and is likely to be for a minimum of four years up to a maximum of eight years.
- 3. The new solution will not commence until June 2026 however it will be awarded in the 25/26 financial year.
- 4. The current annual spend on home to school transport is circa £1.8m.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Provision of Welfare Support Services

- 1. The council will undertake an appropriate procurement process to appoint suitable provider/s to deliver welfare support services
- 2. The duration of the agreement will be determined as part of the procurement process and is likely to commence in the latter part of the 25/26 financial year.
- 3. The potential annual spend is expected to be £250k

Delegated Officer: Garry Cummings, Director of Finance, Transformation and

Performance

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

PROPOSED CAPITAL CONTRACTS 2526 TO BE ADDED (WHERE SCHEME DETAIL IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME)

Contract Title: Durham Lane Cycleway

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a cycleway in the Eaglescliffe location.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £3,300,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the first quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture / Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Yarm Public Realm

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the various public realm works within Yarm High Street
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £2,000,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the first quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Thornaby Cycleway

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a cycleway in the Thornaby location.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £4,700,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the first quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture / Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Thornaby Pool

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a swimming pool & leisure centre in Thornaby.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £12,400,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the third quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Golden Eagle - Demolition

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the demolition of the Golden Eagle site in Thornaby which will then allow the council to sell Thornaby Town Centre as part of the agreement.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £500,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the first quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes **Funding within MTFP:** Yes

Delegated Officer: Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: A19 / A689 Road Widening

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a road widening scheme at the A19 / A689 junction.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £ £6,600,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the 3rd quarter of the 25/26 financial year.
- 4. There is some uncertainty around the project due to a funding shortfall from TVCA which will be addressed prior to the project commencing.

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional

advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: STC Link Cycleway

- 1. There is currently some uncertainty regarding if this contract will be let by TVCA or SBC. If the contract is to be let by SBC the council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a link cycleway in Stockton Town Centre.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £4,000,000
- 3. The contract will be scheduled to be awarded within the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment &

Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Norton Road Cycleway

- 1. There is currently some uncertainty regarding if this contract will be let by TVCA or SBC. If the contract is to be let by SBC the council will follow an appropriate procurement process for the construction of a cycleway on Norton Road.
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £6,000,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded within the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Wellington Square Car Park - Tarmac

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process to tarmac the car park at Wellington Square
- 2. The estimated value of the contract is £1,000,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in the 2nd quarter of the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Annual Carriageway Schemes - Tarmac

- 1. The council will follow an appropriate procurement process to determine a contractor who is able to tarmac various carriageway schemes across the borough
- 2. The estimated value of the packages of work is £1,000,000
- 3. The contract is scheduled to be awarded within the 25/26 financial year.

Key Decision: Yes

Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.

Contract Title: Installation of Solar PV Panels at Billingham Forum

- 1. The council has been offered £700k of Salix grant funding due to them underspending their budget.
- 2. The Council will call off from the NEPO233 Retrofit & Decarbonisation Works Framework to supply & install solar panels at Billingham Forum.
- 3. The funding conditions are that the grant is spent by the end of May 2025.

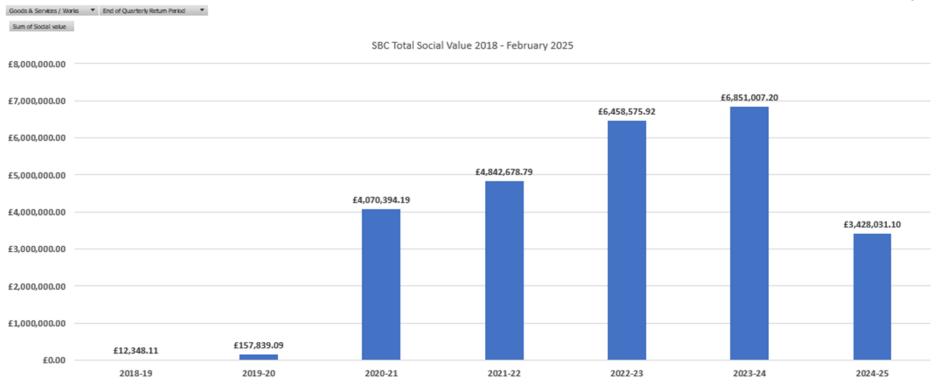
Key Decision: Yes

Funding within MTFP: Yes

Delegated Officer: Reuben Kench, Director of Community Services, Environment & Culture

Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.





Annex 3

Annex 4

| Themes | Outcomes | Ref | Measures - Minimum Requirements | Stockton Council Plan Equivalent | Prioritisation | Units | Social Value Proxy |
|---|---|-----|---|--|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | Weighting based Stockton on Tees Borough Councils Key Strategic Priorities 3 = Standard Measure 2 = Important Priority 1 = Strategically Important Priority | How it should be measured | Social Value proxy |
| | More Stockton people in employment | NT1 | No. of Stockton people (FTE) employed on contract for one year or the whole duration of the contract, whichever is shorter. | Job Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. people FTE | £27,834.00 |
| Jobs: Promote Local Skills and Employment | More opportunities for disadvantaged people from Stockton | NT3 | No. of employees (FTE) taken on who are long term unemployed (unemployed for a year or longer) | A growing Economy, Improved Education and Skills Development and Job Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. people FTE | £20,429.00 |
| | | NT4 | No. of employees (FTE) taken on who are not in employment, education, or training (NEETs) | Job Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. people FTE | £15,382.90 |

| | | NT4a | No of full time equivalent local 16-25 y.o. care leavers (FTE) hired on the contract | | 1 | no. people FTE | £15,382.90 |
|--|---------------------------------|------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| | | NT5 | No. of employees (FTE) taken on who are rehabilitating young offenders (18-24 y.o.) | Improved Education and Skills Development and Job | 1 | no. people FTE | £23,056.23 |
| | | NT6 | No. of jobs (FTE) created for people with disabilities | Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. people FTE | £16,605.00 |
| | | NT7 | No. of hours dedicated to supporting unemployed people into work by providing career mentoring, including mock interviews, CV advice, and careers guidance -(over 24 y.o.) | | 2 | no hrs * no of employees | £105.58 |
| | Improved skills for Stockton | NT9 | No. of training opportunities on contract (BTEC, City & Guilds, NVQ, HNC) that have either been completed during the year, or that will be supported by the organisation to completion in the following years - Level 2,3, or 4+ (For new employees taken on as a result of this contract) | Improved Education and Skills Development | 2 | no. weeks | £317.82 |
| | people | NT10 | No. of weeks of apprenticeships or T-Levels (Level 2,3, or 4) provided on the contract (completed or supported by the organisation) (For new employees taken on as a result of this contract) | Improved Education and Skills Development and Job Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. of weeks | £251.79 |

| | NT81 | No. of weeks of employee upskilling (FTE) delivered on contract as part of apprenticeships, T-Levels and comprehensive upskilling programmes - Only applies to apprenticeships or T-Levels on the contract that have either been completed during the year, or that will be supported by the organisation until completion in the following years - Level 2,3, or 4+ (For current employees employed by the organisation) | | 2 | no. of weeks | £13.81 |
|---|--------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|---------|
| | NT11 | No. of hours dedicated to support young people into work (e.g. CV advice, mock interviews, careers guidance) - (24 y.o. and under) | Improved Education and Skills | 2 | no. hrs*no. attendees | £105.58 |
| Improved | NT12 | No. of weeks spent on meaningful work placements or pre- employment course; 1-6 weeks student placements (unpaid) | Development | 2 | no. weeks | £194.50 |
| employability of young people from Stockton | NT13 | Meaningful work placements that pay Minimum or National Living wage according to eligibility - 6 weeks or more (internships) | Improved Education and Skills | 2 | no. weeks | £194.50 |
| | SBC- NT13 | Meaningful supported internships that pay Minimum or National Living wage according to eligibility - 6 weeks or more (supported internships through SBC only) (see Definitions and Guidance Tab) | Development and Job Creation and Increased Employment | 1 | no. weeks | £194.50 |

| | More opportunities for Stockton SMEs and VCSEs | NT14 | Total amount (£) spent with VCSEs within your supply chain | | 2 | £ | £0.12 |
|--|---|------------|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------|
| | | C- NT15 | Provision of expert business advice to VCSEs and SMEs (e.g. financial advice / legal advice / HR advice/HSE) when linked to a Catalyst specific VCSE requirement. This link takes you to the Catalyst Give Services Page. | A Growing Economy | 1 | no. staff expert hours | £101.00 |
| Growth: Supporting Growth of Responsible | | C- NT16 | Equipment or resources donated to VCSEs (£ equivalent value). This link takes to the Catalyst Support VCSE page. | Cross cutting strategic themes | 1 | £ | £1.00 |
| Regional Business | | C- NT17 | Number of voluntary hours donated to support VCSEs (excludes expert business advice). This link takes you to the Catalyst Stockton Volunteers Opportunities page. | | 1 | No. staff volunteering hours | £16.93 |
| | | NT18 | Total amount (£) spent in LOCAL supply chain through the contract. | A Growing Economy | 2 | £ | £0.66 |
| | | NT19 | Total amount (£) spent through contract with LOCAL micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) | A Growing Economy | 2 | £ | £0.66 |
| Social: Healthier, Safer and | More working with the Community in Stockton | NT28 | Donations or in-kind contributions to local community projects (£ & materials) | Cross cutting strategic themes | 2 | £ value | £1.00 |
| more Resilient | | C- NT28 | Donations or in-kind contributions to local community projects (£ & materials). This link takes you to the Catalyst Give Money page. | | 1 | £ value | £1.00 |

| Environment: Protecting and Improving our Environment | Climate Impacts are reduced | NT31 | Savings in CO2e emissions on contract achieved through decarbonisation (i.e. a reduction of the carbon intensity of processes and operations, specify how these are to be achieved) against a specific benchmark. | People Live Healthy Lives, Great Places to Live and Visit and Clean and Green Spaces | | 1 | tonnes CO2e | £244.63 |
|---|---|------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | | NT82 | Carbon emissions reductions through reduced energy use and energy efficiency measures - on site | | 1 | tonnes CO2e | £244.63 | |
| | | NT32 | Car miles saved on the project (e.g. cycle to work programmes, public transport or car pooling programmes, etc.) | | 1 | Miles Saved | £0.06 | |
| | Air pollution is reduced | NT33 | Car miles driven using low or no emission staff vehicles included on project as a result of a green transport programme | | 2 | Miles Driven | £0.03 | |
| | | NT84 | Freight miles saved as a result of a green logistics plan (e.g. reduced trips to site) | | 1 | Miles Saved | £0.06 | |
| | Better places to live in Stockton | NT34 | Voluntary time dedicated to the creation or management of green infrastructure, to increase biodiversity, or to keep green spaces clean | | 2 | no. staff volunteering hours | £16.93 | |
| | Resource efficiency and circular economy solutions are promoted | NT88 | Reduce waste through reuse of products and materials | | 1 | Tonnes | £96.70 | |