



Warwickshire Police Contracts & Procurement Strategy 2023-2026



Supplier Statement

1 Context

Warwickshire Police spends on average more than £25m per year with third party suppliers.

Our Procurement Strategy is a statement of the strategic intent by the Head of Contracts and Procurement for the period 2023-2026 and is intended to support Warwickshire Police's Fit for the Future strategy as well as the objectives of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan.

The Contracts & Procurement Strategy sets out four key objectives that we plan to achieve through procurement activities and effective contract management.



Maximising Value for Money

Driving Quality and Continuous improvement

Delivering Social Value through Sustainable & Ethical Procurement





Ensuring compliance with internal and external regulations

We have provided details of the planned deliverables for each objective overleaf.

Progress against the key objectives and deliverables will be monitored and reviewed annually by the Head of Contracts and Procurement and the Director of Finance.



2 Our Objectives & Deliverables

 Maximising Value for Money	 Driving Quality and Continuous improvement	 Delivering Social Value through Sustainable & Ethical Procurement	 Ensuring compliance with internal and external regulations
<p>Identify cashable savings that support investment in front line services as well as non-cashable and efficiency savings.</p>	<p>A customer centric Contracts and Procurement team who deliver timely, high quality procurement advice and market insight.</p>	<p>Require suppliers to adopt/improve sustainable and ethical approaches in the production and delivery of goods and services.</p>	<p>Ensure compliance with all relevant legislation including the UK Procurement Regulations.</p>
<p>Drive forward efficiencies and cost reduction in the procurement process, including refining specification requirements.</p>	<p>Ensure contracts are performing against contractual obligations, agreed performance indicators, and delivering continuous improvement.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities to increase spend with local suppliers, identifying opportunities to impact local economic growth and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Ensure compliance with PCC Finance & Contract Regulations</p>
<p>Ensure contracts deliver value for money through the commercial lifecycle</p>	<p>Provide clear and easily accessible information and guidance about procurement processes and available contracts.</p>	<p>Embed Social Value into our procurement activities and contract management outcomes. Require suppliers to adopt approaches to support influence the diversity, equality, and inclusion agenda.</p>	<p>Ensure contract specifications and supplier selection processes include requirements and assessment of relevant statutory and police specific requirements (as relevant to scope).</p>
<p>Monitor and increase the proportion of spend against contracted suppliers and reducing tail spend.</p>	<p>Maintain high standards of integrity and transparency in all procurement and contract activities. Adhere to behaviours consistent with inclusivity, dignity, and respect.</p>	<p>Minimise the risk of modern slavery, cruelty, exploitation, and corruption from our supply chain.</p>	

3 What this means for our Suppliers

Our supplier pledge is:

We are committed to dealing with all our suppliers fairly and ethically, adopting a professional approach at all times and using targets and performance measures effectively to improve supplier performance.



In order to achieve value for money we will be asking suppliers to put forward added value proposals that improve efficiency and deliver innovation. We work within budgetary constraints, and we know this can be challenging for suppliers in terms of achieving the optimum price point. We are committed to striking the right balance in our procurement evaluation between quality and cost and will be transparent about how we evaluate this.



Effective contract management is central to our approach in achieving quality and continual improvement. To this end, we will be asking our suppliers to commit to defined service level agreements and key performance indicators. We will seek to make these measures fair and proportionate, whilst holding suppliers to account for agreed contract deliverables. We will encourage suppliers to put forward ideas for innovation and performance improvement.



We will ask suppliers to adopt sustainable approaches in the production and delivery of goods and services. We also expect suppliers to demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion which reflect our own values. We will be asking suppliers to make social value offerings with measurable outcomes. We will apply proportionate assurance measures to contracts to safeguard against the risk of modern slavery and supply chain corruption.



We will run our procurement exercises with integrity and transparency and in accordance with applicable regulations. We are bound to put measures in place to guard against bribery and collusion but will ensure we explain to suppliers the reasons for these measures and make procurement documents and processes as straightforward as possible.

We know that bidding for public sector contracts can be time consuming and costly for suppliers. We also know that the often arms length nature of the process can make it difficult to understand the customer's needs. We are committed to demystifying the process for suppliers, providing meaningful engagement, and fostering positive supplier relationships from the outset.

In the same way that we want Warwickshire Police to be a great place for people to work and thrive, we want our suppliers to feel valued and develop genuinely collaborative relationships.

How to do business with us

All our advertised tender opportunities can be accessed via our e-tendering portal – details are available on our webpages: [How to do business with us | Warwickshire Police](#)

If you have a general procurement query, you can email the team at: procurement@warwickshire.police.uk