

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

9 June 2016

Report of the Clerk

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to proposed amendments to the Authority's Contract Standing Orders.

2. Recommendation

Members are recommended to consider and approve the revised contract standing orders.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 I reported to the Authority in December on proposed revisions to Contract Standing Orders. The suggested changes took account of developments in industry practice, especially with regard to real estate contracts whereby proposals are increasingly presented to potential investors as pre-ordained packages consisting of teams of professional advisors already committed to projects, and, of course, the abolition of the South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat (SYJS) and the transfer and integration of certain posts and functions to officers of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council as a consequence.
- 3.2 Reference was made to the Contract Standing Orders of other authorities: in particular with those adopted by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.
- 3.3 At the meeting Members were verbally advised that the proposals put forward needed to be amended to take account of new terminology used in the Public Contracts 2015 Regulations which altered the reference to 'Part B services' to 'light touch services'. The Regulations also now include a number of requirements with regard to contracts that fall below the threshold for OJEU advertisement. Reference has also been made to the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016. The attached drafts incorporate these changes.
- 3.4 Although the revised wording should enable more flexibility going forward when adapting to regulatory change Members ought to note

that electronic tendering is required by 18 October 2018 and incorporating this might necessitate a further review.

4. Proposed revisions

Document	Revisions
Contract Standing Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intermediate value procurement (CSO 7.1): Upper limit increased to £75,000 from £50,000.• High value procurement (CSO 8.1). Limit increased to £75,000 from £50,000.• Contracts over £250,000. New clause requiring senior officer approval (CSO 20.2) and retrospective reporting (CSO 20.3)• Execution of contracts. Increase in limit for contracts under seal from £50,000 to £75,000 (CSO 23.1)• Minor amendment to Standing Orders following review (CSO 35.1)

5. Implications and risks

5.1 Financial

There are no costs linked to this report although improved procedures should result in better time efficiencies.

5.2 Legal

Other than the changes identified there are no other immediate legal implications.

5.3 Diversity

There are no diversity implications.

5.4 Risk

It is important that Contract Standing Orders should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis as determined by the Authority and changes to titles, statutory thresholds and minor amendments need to be addressed. It is proposed that amendments to thresholds, titles etc and other minor issues will be undertaken by the Monitoring Officer in future with retrospective approval then being sought from the Authority.

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Clerk

Officers responsible: A Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
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Background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the offices of the Authority in Barnsley.

Other sources and references: None.