

BHCC PCSO definitions

"Purchase Order"	Means the purchase order generated (where applicable) by the Council for the goods, works or services.
Central Digital Platform (CDP)	The central digital platform (CDP) is a free online service that allows suppliers and buyers to find and bid on public sector contracts. It is part of the Procurement Act 2023, which aims to make the procurement process more transparent.
"Best Value"	Means making arrangements that are economic, efficient and effective, and that it has regard to the need to secure continuous improvement.
"Breach"	Means failure to comply with the Procurement Legislation or failure to fulfill contractual obligations.
"Budget Holder"	Means an Officer who manages the service budget within a given area of operation.
"Commissioners"	Means Council employees that are involved in designing, implementing, and monitoring services in response to identified local needs.
"Conflict of Interest"	An actual or potential conflict between the interests of a person acting in relation to a procurement and those of the procurement itself.
"Contract Management Framework"	Means the guidance set out by the Authority to enable Contract Managers to apply an effective, proportionate and consistent approach to contract management.
"Contract Manager"	Means any Officer with contract management responsibilities including contract administration, performance management or delivery of any activities necessary to ensure a supplier delivers the goods, works and / or services as defined in the contract.
"Convertible Contract"	Means a contract which when modified moves from a sub-regulatory threshold to an over regulatory threshold contract under PA 2023.
"Council's Corporate Contract"	Means the Council's contract with a managed service for temporary agency workers.
"CPV Codes"	Common Procurement Vocabulary codes - a classification system for public procurement aimed at standardising the references used by contracting authorities and entities to describe the subject matter of procurement contracts.
"CSO Thresholds"	Means the Relevant Thresholds defined in the Procurement Type Tables (a-e) in paragraph 1.10. Responsibilities.
"DPS" & "DM"	Dynamic Purchasing System - an electronic system used to purchase commonly used goods, works or services within a limited duration. Also referred to as Dynamic Markets under PA 2023

"Framework Agreement"	An arrangement made in accordance with the UK Regulations between the council (or another Contracting Authority) and a provider or providers of goods, works or services specifying the terms under which contracts can be "called off" or entered into over the period during which it is in force
"Grants"	A grant is an arrangement where money is given for the benefit of all or for a section of the local community for a stated purpose distinct from the procurement of services (whether the services are to be given to the Council or to third parties)
"Head of Procurement"	The person appointed by the Council as the Head of Procurement or any Member of the Corporate Procurement Team authorised by them to act on their behalf
"Level 1 Contract"	Means a strategic contract that is typically high value, high complexity and high risk as defined by the Contract Management Framework.
"Level 2 Contract"	Means a contract that is critical to the delivery of statutory service, typically high in value, risk and complexity as defined by the Contract Management Framework.
"Light Touch Regime"	A specific set of rules for certain service contracts. Those service contracts include certain social, health, education and cultural services. The list of services to which the Light Touch Regime applies is set out in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Annex A) and Schedule 1 of the Procurement Regulations 2024.
"Mixed Procurement"	Means a procurement including more than one of the following: Goods, Services, Works
"National Procurement Policy Statement (NPPS)"	Means National Procurement Policy Statement - sets out the strategic priorities for public procurement and how contracting authorities can support their delivery.
"Officers"	Means employees of the Council / means anyone who needs to buy from an external supplier, including anyone who works for the Council whether permanent/seconded/contractor.
"Orders"	Means Contract Standing Orders
"Pipeline Notice"	Means a notice setting out specified information about any public contract with an estimated value of more than £2 million in respect of which the contracting authority intends to publish a tender notice or transparency notice during the reporting period.
"Procurement Forward Plan"	Means a plan (up to 24 months) of contracts over £1m, which are due for renewal, replacement or is a new requirement during the plan term.

"Procurement Regulations"	Means The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023, or the Procurement Regulations 2024 or the Provider Selection Regime
"Provider Selection Regime"	Means the set of rules for procuring health care services in England. It is set out in the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and is) accompanied by statutory guidance to which relevant authorities must have regard.
"Regulatory threshold"	Means the relevant threshold applicable to procurement by English law or regulation.
"Supplier"	Means a person, company, or organisation that supplies goods, services or works
"Works" "Supplies" & "Services"	As defined in the UK Regulations ("supplies" are also referred to as "goods" in these CSOs)