

### 6. Exceptions to the necessity for obtaining tenders

In spite of Standing Order 2, for contracts with an estimated value over £50,000, there is no need for tenders to be sought in any of the circumstances listed in 6.1 below. The justification to waive the need to obtain tenders in these circumstances must be subject to an internal review and approval by the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, prior to the award of the contract.  
~~There is no need for tenders to be sought in the following circumstances;—~~

6.1 The work to be executed or the goods or materials or services to be supplied:

are procured via an approved and valid framework agreement. ~~The use of such agreement to be approved in consultation with the Legal Services Practice Manager and the Chief Finance Officer (or his appointed Representative).~~

~~6.2 The work to be executed or the goods or materials or services to be supplied:~~

- are exclusively manufactured by the supplier, or the goods, materials, or services are sold only at a fixed price and no satisfactory alternative is available;
- must be entrusted to the appropriate utility undertaking;
- constitute an authorised extension of an existing contract;
- is required so urgently as not to permit the invitation of tenders. This must be ~~approved by the appropriate Chief Officer or Head of Service~~ and reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet;
- consist of repairs to or the supply of parts for existing machinery or plant that can only be carried out by the supplier or manufacturer of that machinery, or under licence for a fixed price;
- are to be undertaken by a contractor or supplier with particular expertise. This must be ~~approved by the appropriate Chief Officer or Head of Service~~ and reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet;
- are to be part of a tender invited on behalf of any consortium, Central Purchasing Body or a similar body of which the Council is a member;
- For other reasons where there would be no genuine competition.

~~6.2.1 In the case of all contracts estimated to exceed £50,000 in value or amount, the justification to waive the need to obtain tenders must be subject to an internal review and approval by the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring~~

~~Officer, before authority not to obtain tenders is sought from Cabinet, prior to the award of the contract.~~

- 6.21.21 For contracts estimated ~~to exceed £10,000 but~~ not to exceed £50,000 in value or amount, exemption from the requirement to seek quotations must be obtained in writing from both the appropriate Chief Officer or Head of Service and the Chief Finance Officer.
- 6.21.32 For contracts estimated not to exceed £10,000 in value or amount, the appropriate Chief Officer or Head of Service may waive the requirement to seek quotations where this would be inexpedient or uneconomic.
- 6.32 At all times the contract administrator needs to demonstrate that the contract represents value for money and that the Council will receive Best Value for the work undertaken.