

Proving Value for Money in relation to HRA

South Holland District Council's Procurement Services are managed by PSPS, a Local Authority Trading Company (LatCo) jointly owned by East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), South Holland District Council (SHDC), and Boston Borough Council (BBC).

The Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) at South Holland District Council establishes financial thresholds to determine the required number of competitive quotations to be obtained.

These are as follows:

Works and Concessions	Supply of Goods, Materials and Services	Tendering Procedure
£0 - £5,000	£0 - £5,000	One quote – This should be a local provider wherever possible. A purchase order must be raised.
£5,001 - £10,000	£5,001 - £10,000	Two written quotes - one should be a local provider wherever possible. A purchase order must be raised.
£10,001 - £40,000	£10,001 - £40,000	At least three written quotes shall be sought and two must be received. Local providers must be given an opportunity to provide a quote, wherever possible. A purchase order must be raised.
£40,001 - £85,000	£40,001 - £85,000	At least five written shall be sought via a Request for Quotation via e-tendering portal. Local providers must be given an opportunity to provide a quote, wherever possible. A purchase order must be raised.
£85,001 up to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 / Concessions Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold	£85,001 up to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 / Concessions Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold	Open tender via E-Tendering Portal including Contracts Finder. A social value clause must be build in to the specification and contract. (Public Service (Social Value Act 2012)). A purchase order must be raised.
Above Public Contract Regulations 2015 / Concessions Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold	Above Public Contract Regulations 2015 / Concessions Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold	UK Public Procurement Procedure – Via E-tendering Portal & Find a Tender notice. Local social value clause must be build into the specification of the contract. (Public Service (Social Value Act 2012)). A purchase order must be raised.

In adherence to the CPRs, when tendering we prioritise the open tender route to ensure fair access for all potential suppliers. Additionally, our approach emphasises selecting the most economically advantageous tender, which may not always be the cheapest option but rather the one offering the best overall value for money. This assessment considers various factors including quality, social value, and price.

Furthermore, we actively explore opportunities for joint procurement across the partnership to leverage potential cost savings and maximise value for money. This collaborative approach enables us to seek better value and optimise procurement outcomes for the benefit of the community.

These practices align with Contract Procedure Rules governing our processes.

Some examples of projects where we have undertaken open tenders relating to HRA are as follows:

- General Repairs
- HRA Business Plan
- Fire Compartmentalisation
- Heating systems upgrades
- Installation of fire doors