

Recap of procurement policy in 2020

PPN	Title	Summary	Organisations in scope
PPN 01/20	Responding to Covid-19	Reminder of the routes to awarding a contract where there are reasons of extreme urgency (including use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication, the accelerated time scales available in the open and restricted procedures, use of existing public sector frameworks, and the option to modify existing public contracts where that is possible).	All contracting authorities
PPN 02/20	Supplier relief due to coronavirus (Covid-19)	Sets out various issues for contracting authorities to consider in order to maintain business continuity and to ensure that contracting authorities support their suppliers who are most at risk. Effective until 30 June 2020.	All contracting authorities (although when queried by T&H, CCS confirmed that Registered Providers of Social Housing had discretion whether to comply)
PPN 03/20	Use of procurement cards	Encourages use of procurement cards by Central Government Departments (and their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies) to improve efficiency and accelerate payments to suppliers, and requires in-scope organisations to increase both single transaction limits and monthly limits on spending with procurement cards.	Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies
PPN 04/20	Recovery and transition from Covid-19	Builds on PPN 02/20 and informs contracting authorities of the steps to take in developing transition plans to exit from any relief granted under PPN 02/20. Effective from 1 st July 2020 to 31 st October 2020.	All contracting authorities (although when queried by T&H, CCS confirmed that Registered Providers of Social Housing had discretion whether to comply)

<p>PPN 05/20</p>	<p>The Outsourcing Playbook v2.0</p>	<p>Launches the refreshed Outsourcing Playbook and associated guidance notes in order to improve how the Government delivers public services. Particular updates to the Outsourcing Playbook include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reframing guidance on "Make or Buy" as "Delivery Model Assessments"; • Providing additional guidance on key policies to support implementation; and • Linking to commercial policy priorities, highlighting lessons learnt from best practice examples and the Government's approach to contract management. 	<p>Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies</p>
<p>PPN 06/20</p>	<p>Taking account of social value in the award of central Government contracts</p>	<p>Implements the outcome of a Cabinet Office consultation from 2019 and launches a new model to deliver social value in central Government contracts, and requires a minimum weighting of 10% of the total score for social value to be applied in the procurement (although a higher weighting can be applied if justified).</p>	<p>Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies</p>
<p>PPN 07/20</p>	<p>Taking account of a bidder's approach to payment in the procurement of major Government contracts</p>	<p>Will replace PPN 04/19 from 1st April 2021 and will apply to central Government contracts with a value exceeding £5m per annum (excluding VAT).</p> <p>Amends the questions to be included at Selection stage regarding payment practices, and introduces more stringent requirements in order to achieve a "pass".</p>	<p>Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies</p>
<p>PPN 08/20</p>	<p>Introduction of Find a Tender</p>	<p>Highlights the introduction of the new Find a Tender Service (FaTS) that all contracting authorities will be required to use instead of the OJEU to advertise contract opportunities following the end of the Brexit implementation period (at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020).</p>	<p>All contracting authorities</p>

		Also sets out when contracting authorities should continue to publish notices to the OJEU, and the steps that organisations should take for the launch of the FaTS.	
PPN 09/20	The Construction Playbook	Launch of the Construction Playbook which sets out 14 key policies for how Central Government Departments (and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies) should assess, procure and deliver public works projects and programmes.	Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies
PPN 10/20	Public Procurement after the Transition Period ends on 31 December 2020	Highlights the changes to the procurement regulations that are introduced by the Public Procurement (Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, and reiterates the actions set out in PPN 08/20 concerning the use of FaTS.	All contracting authorities

The scope of the PPNs varies but, as always, even where an organisation is not explicitly within the scope of a PPN (for example, the PPNs dealing solely with central government contracts) the PPNs represent the current policy thinking of the Government and can give an insight into best practice for all contracting authorities.