

Procurement

Procurement refers to the process of acquiring goods, services, or works from external sources to support a business's operations. Effective procurement is crucial to a company's success, as it ensures access to the necessary resources for efficient and effective operations. By carefully selecting suppliers and negotiating favorable terms, businesses can minimize costs, reduce risks, and enhance overall performance.

The process typically involves these stages:

- **Identifying Needs** – Understanding what goods or services are required.
- **Supplier Selection** – Researching and selecting vendors that can provide the best quality at the best price.
- **Negotiation** – Discussing terms, pricing, and contracts to ensure favorable conditions.
- **Purchase Order & Contracting** – Formalizing agreements through legal contracts and purchase orders.
- **Receiving & Inspection** – Ensuring the goods or services meet the required standards.
- **Payment & Record Keeping** – Processing payments and maintaining records for accountability and future reference.

Become a council supplier

If you run a business and want to supply goods or services to the Council, we use Oracle Fusion to manage all tenders, quotes, contracts, and invoice payments. We operate under a No Purchase Order, No Pay policy.

Our system is user-friendly and allows your business to:

- Engage with us electronically
- Raise invoices directly from purchase orders online
- Track payments and order progress
- View your account history
- Export transaction details for use in your own systems
- Run a paperless service, reducing costs and avoiding payment delays

Please allow sufficient time to register on the portal to ensure you have login details to access opportunities. **We cannot consider expressions of interest, selection questionnaires, or tender submissions received after the stated deadline.**

[Register or log into Oracle Fusion](#) (If this link does not open in Chrome, please copy and paste it into the Google Chrome browser.)

To find out more about how to use the system or how to register, please [click here](#).

SME Toolkit to prevent modern slavery

This free toolkit, developed jointly by **STOP THE TRAFFIK** and **Shiva Foundation**, provides SMEs with practical guidance on mitigating the risk of modern slavery in their business operations – the guide includes a simple risk assessment, practical steps to protect employees, and clear guidance on how to report modern slavery concerns.

[Download the modern slavery SME Toolkit](#)

Current tender opportunities

[View opportunities published via Oracle Fusion](#)

Tenders for construction work

We do not have our own list of approved suppliers for construction and related work. Instead we use an online register of approved suppliers called **Constructionline**.

If you would like to be considered for our work contracts, you must register with **Constructionline** and **Oracle Fusion**.