

APPENDIX 2 - Details of waivers approved in the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 (Q1 and 2 2022/23)

Contract title	Value £000	Directorate	Details of the waiver	Long term action plan
Mainland care placement x 21	1,901	Adult social care & community well-being	It has continued to be necessary, to take action to support rapid discharge of a number of patients from St Marys Hospital and to create sufficient capacity to meet anticipated demand. The development of the national Discharge to Assess model has resulted in the requirement to support people to move to short term residential placements following a period of hospital admission pending assessment and to aid their recovery. Due to a lack of available capacity within the local care marketplace, the council continues to have to look further afield and support people to be discharged, with their full consent, to care services off island. Due to the urgent need to take action there was not sufficient time to carry out a procurement process.	The frequency of mainland placements is being monitored. It is felt at present that they aren't frequent or predicible enough to justify a full open market competitive procurement process as the work required to do this is disproportionate to the need for these services.
Home care services staff	222	Adult social care & community well-being	At the time the waiver was sought the health and care system on the Isle of Wight was continuing to face significant demand in relation to hospital admissions and corresponding hospital discharges. The existing contracted suppliers of home care services did not have capacity to meet this demand and therefore a supplier with capacity was identified following discussions with the market.	One off contract.
Stroke recovery service including communication support	54	Adult social care & community well-being	The service area sought a waiver to continue with the incumbent supplier of the service for a further nine months to allow time for a review of the service and longer-term plan to be made for the future of these services.	A procurement process will be carried out.

Mental health and wellbeing support	30	Adult social care & community well-being	The council acknowledges the importance of ensuring the wellbeing and mental health of staff working within the health and social care sector. A supplier had already been engaged to provide mental health and wellbeing services to care sector staff and the waiver sought to extend the contract to continue supporting those staff looking after our islands most vulnerable residents.	The ongoing need for the service will be kept under review and procurement options discussed with the service area should there be the need to continue with the services beyond this contract term.
Teenage parents supported accommodation	52	Adult social care & community well-being	The service area sought a waiver to maintain the existing provision for teenage parents as it is viewed as very good value for money, delivering positive outcomes.	The service area are reviewing future commissioning options which includes aligning with other existing family support contracts.
Residential/education placements for children and young people x 22	3,885	Children's services	<p>The children's services commissioning team utilise the waiver process as a route to commissioning a placement in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When no suitable supplier can be commissioned through the framework agreement; • Where the placement is made at the request of the family/family legal representatives; • Where the child is in an existing placement that needs to be extended; • Where the council is responsible for paying fees due to the "belonging regulation". 	The suppliers have been approached to join the framework agreement.
Requirement for urgent school building works to St George's School and Medina College	127	Children's services	The waiver sought to waive the advertising requirement of contract standing orders but retained competition with a number of local suppliers being invited to tender for the works. Due to the timescales involved in needing to deliver the works before the start of the new school year, the service area felt that there was not sufficient time to carry out an open market tender exercise.	One off contract.

Electronic education health and care plan system	80	Children's services	<p>The service area has been working on introducing an electronic system to manage Education Health Care Plans with colleagues in Hampshire County Council. The system was available to purchase via two framework agreements that the council could purchase from, however, due to the level of discount offered by the supplier, the frameworks were not deemed to be value for money and therefore the waiver was sought.</p>	Market will be reviewed towards the end of the contract and a procurement process will be carried out if there are alternative commissioning options available.
SIP Trunks	26	Corporate services	<p>The SIP trunks provide resilient voice connectivity and all inbound and outbound calls via the council's on-premises telephone system which also includes the contact centre.</p> <p>A project has commenced to look at the future of telephony at the council. The waiver will allow the current telephony system to continue without a break in service and will prevent having to retender and potentially migrate to a different supplier creating additional work and complexities in relation to the wider project.</p>	Procurement options will be reviewed in conjunction with the wider telephony project.
Multi-functional devices (MFDs)	118	Corporate services	<p>The original contract was let using a Hampshire County Supplies framework agreement. The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic had a very direct effect on the MFD contract as usage dramatically reduced during this time. As a result of this, Hampshire County Supplies has offered the council (and other Local Authorities) a further extension under the framework with a reduction in rental costs.</p> <p>As the framework didn't originally allow for the extension, the service area sought a waiver to document the decision.</p>	Procurement options will be reviewed again towards the end of the current contract.
Support and maintenance for children's integrated care system	41	Corporate services	Due to delays in the implementation of the new integrated care system, continuation of the support and maintenance agreement for the current system was needed. The service area sought a waiver to be able to award a further contract with the current supplier to cover the delay.	New system has been procured and therefore this contract is only needed until the new system goes live.

Traffic management – Tour of Britain (TOB)	55	Neighbourhoods	As part of the management of the TOB event, discussions were held with the event organiser on traffic management issues and the need to recruit a specialist to manage this requirement. The supplier was selected as they have vast experience of managing similar events and have experience of the TOB traffic management. Due to the time available, it was felt that there was insufficient time to go through an open market competitive procurement process without jeopardising the event, therefore, the waiver sought the ability to directly award the identified supplier a contract.	One off contract.
Push boat service for the floating bridge 6	27	Neighbourhoods	The council's contract for push boat services was due to expire in August 2022. It not known whether the contract would still be needed until the works in the dry dock had been completed. There would not have been sufficient time to carry out a robust procurement exercise following the dry dock work and therefore, a waiver was requested to extend the existing contract to allow time for the assessment to be undertaken and a procurement exercise to then be run if needed.	Competitive procurement process undertaken. Short extension of existing services required.
Interim senior management cover	106	Neighbourhoods	The waiver sought to appoint an interim senior management resource for the Neighbourhoods directorate to cover for the resignation of a key member of staff and to ensure service continuity while the permanent staffing arrangements are put in place.	One off contract
Domestic abuse integrated service (including sexual violence services and perpetrator programmes)	158	Public health	The waiver was sought to extend the contract with the current supplier following discussions between internal stakeholders and the external funding partner. It was felt that more time was needed to scope out the options available for the service and to allow time to carry out a comprehensive needs assessment to determine the provision needed going forward by different populations on the Island, and any legacy the impact of Covid has had.	A competitive procurement process will be undertaken.

Supply of non-half hourly electricity, half hourly electricity and gas to council sites	N/A	Regeneration	Due to the time constraints on awarding energy contracts, sealing the contract as required by the council's contract standing orders was impractical. A waiver was therefore sought to waive the requirement to seal the contract.	N/A
Cable trenching over Winford Farm to Branstone	69	Regeneration	Due to the unforeseen delays since the start of the Branstone scheme, delivery of the electricity supply had become time critical. Several options to deliver the electricity supply had been explored but were not viable. Discussions between a nearby landowner resulted in the granting of an easement to run the cables over their land and the waiver sought the ability to allow the works to be delivered by the landowner, under the supervision of SSE.	One off contract.