

# Birmingham City Council

## Cabinet

25 June 2024



**Subject:** Key Decisions Planned Procurement Activities (July 2024 – September 2024) and Quarterly Contract Awards (January March 2024)

### Commissioner Review

- 1.1 These planned procurements are set against the backdrop of the council's difficult financial position and though quality is highly important so is value and the flexibility to move/change suppliers in response to changes in supplier performance, charging models and the wider economic environment the council operates within. Commissioners expect BCC to explore options on contract length to maximise flexibility. For example:
- 1.2 On Morning Foods, Schools Fresh Fruit and Halal meat contracts, a 2+1 contract arrangement could be pursued.
- 1.3 For Security at events, BCC could opt for a 3+1 arrangement
- 1.4 BCC should explore break clauses for the Commercial removals procurement
- 1.5 Digital Triage –  
There is a need to demonstrate that there is no existing configurable solution, minimal bespoke code on the market. An absolutely robust plan with clear deliverables, payments linked to deliverables, rigorous change control, professional project management and governance is essential. Commissioners must be satisfied with/and expect these to be in place, regardless of the solution.