**Amendments to Contract Procedure Rules (version 5) – September 2023**

The CPR’s set clear Rules for the procurement of goods, services and works, so that we can obtain best value for money, whilst ensuring a system of openness, transparency and non-discrimination.

The Contract Procedure Rules have been updated to take account of a number of recommendations in a Task and Finish Report on procurement arrangements and frameworks within Carmarthenshire County Council.

Here is a summary of the most notable changes that have been made:

* The lowest threshold has been increased from £5,000 to £10,000.
* New requirements added when seeking quotations:
* Up to £10,000 – At least one quotation should be sought from a Carmarthenshire supplier.
* £10,000 - £25,000 – At least one quotation should be sought from a Carmarthenshire supplier.
* Clause 13 (Modifications of existing contracts) – Wording has been added to clarify that approval is not required where exiting contracts (from framework call-offs or otherwise) or frameworks, where permitted changes have been provided for in their terms and conditions.
* Clause 13.3 – Thresholds aligned to the change in the lowest threshold from £5,000 to £10,000.
* Clause 4.4.1 has been amended to offer flexibility for officers to go out to open competition, as opposed to using existing corporate contracts / frameworks where best value for money might be achieved by pursuing an alternative route to market *(N.B. this is for exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the respective department’s Director and the Director or Corporate Services. Corporate contracts and frameworks must be used in the majority of cases).*