



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Bulk Fuel Framework</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council has agreed policies and procedures and decision making is consistent with them.
Lead Officer	Procurement Officer

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to join Crown Commercial Service fuel framework

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council has accessed the crown commercial bulk fuels framework for the last eight years, the current framework expires on 31st March 2026.
- 2.2 Participation guarantees that Council has a guaranteed supply of fuel oils, which is particularly import at this current time of spiking prices and possible supply issues.
- 2.3 Participation in the framework comes at no cost to council, best price return is still being used for fuel purchasing, with the CCS cost being the benchmark used for comparisons.
- 2.4 The current contract was approved by Council in March 2024.
- 2.5 The new contract will expire on 31st March 2028.
- 2.6 Current spend year to date on liquid fuels is £ 911,328 out of an annual budget of £1,433,371.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended** that Council approve the participation in the Crown Commercial Supplies bulk fuel contract for a two year period up to 31st March 2028. **It is further recommended that** this authority extends to use of local fuel suppliers where increased value for money can be demonstrated after benchmarking against the CCS contract.