

Procurement and Oldham Council

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What does the Council buy?

Oldham Council buys goods, works and services from a wide range of suppliers and service providers. It would not be practical to list everything the Council buys as we have over 12,000 suppliers, but examples range from stationery to road signs, care homes, to school equipment. The Council awards contracts to those organisations that can meet our requirements and standards. Contracts can range from small, one off purchases up to multi-million pound service contracts lasting several years. Please note however that the Council has well-established procedures for offering work or buying products and does not usually respond to unsolicited enquiries or applications.

The Council's rules for buying

The Council tries to ensure value for money, fairness and probity in all its transactions. It has a strict set of rules it follows during procurement activities.

In April 2000, Best Value replaced Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT). Best Value is a duty to deliver services to clear standards - covering both cost and quality - by the most effective, economic and efficient means available. Whereas CCT applied to certain defined services, Best Value applies to all functions of a Council. All local authorities are required to secure Best Value in the way they deliver their services. This means that Councils must ensure continuous improvement in all functions and secure value for money throughout the buying process. It also means that Councils are accountable to local people in their business dealings, which must be open, fair, transparent and auditable.

The procurement procedure, which the Council follows, is determined by value. For more information about tendering please see our detailed fact sheet **Tendering and Oldham Council**.

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We value your comments and suggestions

We want to provide good quality service for people in Oldham and as we are a public service you have a say in what we do. We want you to be completely satisfied with our services but to ensure this we need to know what you think. What do we do best? Where could we improve things? Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Only by listening to you can we give you the service you deserve. We value your comments and suggestions. If you wish to make a comment about our services you can e-mail us on customer.feedback@oldham.gov.uk or you can phone us on 0161 770 4191 or you can write to us:

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