

# UKUPC

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## UKUPC Update

### May 2024

## General UKUPC Activity

### Systems

The primary objective of the **UKUPC Systems Group** continues to revolve around the implementation of the **Hunter Contract & Supplier Management System** across all consortia and member entities. Regular monthly meetings involving all UKUPC representatives ensure that the ongoing migration process remains aligned with the established timeline for the system's launch. Plans to contact members to confirm user administration levels for staff are underway. We will conduct a series of webinars to further facilitate the transition. Information regarding registration for these sessions will be shared shortly. Concurrently, a comprehensive set of training materials, including instructional videos, is in active development.

The systems group also continues to provide support and input into the development of scope 3 reporting tools for the sector with the first meeting of the year held on 23rd April.

### Responsible Procurement

#### Responsible Procurement Network

##### Risk Analysis Matrix

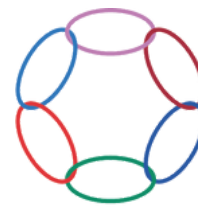
Work is progressing on the review of the Risk Analysis Matrix with a task and finish group being formed in conjunction with the HEPA and EAUC National Responsible Procurement Group. Anyone interested in participating in this activity can contact [Sarah.Dye@nwupc.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Dye@nwupc.ac.uk). The group is looking at how the responsible procurement tools used by the UPCs support assessment and ongoing monitoring of supplier conformance with the Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

We are seeking input from both users of the current matrix and anyone who has not used it but might be interested in doing so in the future. Please provide feedback via this very short [Risk Analysis Matrix survey](#) by **14 June 2024**.

#### Social Responsibility resources

We have recently added [social responsibility guidance tools on the UKUPC website](#), developed by the National Responsible Procurement Group. This provides UKUPC members with access to:

- EDI guidance
- Community benefits guidance
- Wellbeing guidance.



# Transforming Public Procurement Activity

## Process

### **Cabinet Office update on The Procurement Regulations 2024 following general election announcement**

The Prime Minister announced on 22nd May that the general election will be held on Thursday 4th July. The Procurement Regulations 2024 were passed in the House on 20th May with the necessary Commencement & Transitional Regulations for the Procurement Act 2023 signed on the 22nd. The Cabinet Office advises to continue to plan for a go-live date of 28th October 2024.

We have now entered a pre-election period which places significant restrictions on the activity of officials, particularly with respect to public-facing communications and engagement.

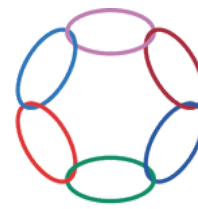
L&D activity and events will continue, so if you are signed up to a Deep-Dive this will go ahead as planned and the Cabinet Office is briefing the trainers with lines to take.

### **The National Procurement Policy Statement**

The Government Commercial Function published the [National Procurement Policy statement](#) on 13 May. It sets out strategic priorities for public procurement and how contracting authorities can support their delivery, and will come into effect on 28 October 2024.

### **Revised Terms and Conditions**

The RFQ for a refreshed set of Framework Terms and Conditions that will be Procurement Act ready is currently out and is due back at the end of May. This suite of templates and guidance notes will also include member call off terms and guidance notes, and contract notices and guidance on how to apply them and will be ready for October.



## Transforming Public Procurement Activity

### Process

The TPP e-learning training has now been launched by the Cabinet Office. Access to the training courses is available once registration has been completed on the [Government Commercial College site](#). **e-Learning Modules**

The e-learning training should be completed by all procurement professionals to ensure that the implications of the new regulations are understood:

### e-Learning Modules

There are nine modules which are approximately one hour each with one module for certification:

Module 1: Scope, Definitions & General Principles

Module 2: Transparency

Module 3: Procedures

Module 4: Competitive Flexible Procedure

Module 5: Frameworks & Dynamic Markets

Module 6: Supplier Selection

Module 7: Assessment and Award of Contract

Module 8: Remedies

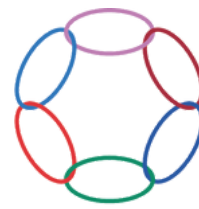
Module 9: Contract Governance

Certification Module

### Deep Dives

UKUPC Category Managers will be undertaking the Deep Dive training which consists of 3 days having completed the 10 e-learning modules.

Further upcoming Communities of Practice sessions are detailed below:  
(Please only sign up to one session)



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## **Navigating the transition to Procurement Act 2023**

[Navigating the transition to Procurement Act 2023 Tickets, Tue 4 Jun 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

4 June 2024 10:00 - 11:30 BST

5 June 2024 10:00 - 11:30 BST

## **Procurement Act 2023: Implementation update & Procurement pathway tool**

[Procurement Act 2023: Implementation update & Procurement pathway tool Tickets, Wed 19 Jun 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

19th June 2024 10:00 - 11:30 BST

20th June 2024 10:30 - 12:30 BST

## **Systems**

Tendering system providers continue to work on the integration of the new e-notices prior to the implementation of the Procurement Regulations 2024. Integration with the Government Central Digital Platform both for Supplier and Buyers is being progressed prior to testing.

Suppliers through consortia promoted agreements have confirmed that updates and training will be provided when the functionality is made live.

## **Suppliers**

Key activity includes the:

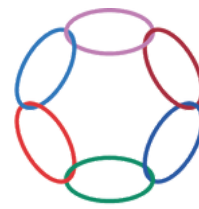
Production of guidance and support materials

Provision of webinars highlighting changes and future requirements

Communication of updates.

## **Communications**

UKUPC is delivering a UKUPC Procurement Act Webinar Series, with monthly webinars covering the pertinent issues of the Act. Please book onto the upcoming webinars or watch the recordings on catch up.



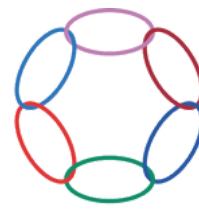
## Upcoming: Procurement Act 2023: Spotlight on the selection stage – 27 June 10.00-12.00

Join us for the next UKUPC Procurement Act Webinar Series, led by NEUPC.

- Focusing on the new rules for assessing suppliers' financial standing and technical ability at the selection stage of a procurement.
- Identifying which suppliers would be “Excluded” and “Excludable”.
- Understanding the new centralised debarment system, and its implications.
- To register, please click [here](#)

Details of the full programme are below:

<b>Webinar</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Delivered by</b>	<b>Booking link or recording</b>
The Procurement Act 2023: Planning for the main impacts	18 March 14.00-15.30	CIPFA	<a href="#">Download the recording</a>  <a href="#">Download the Slides</a>
Procurement Pipelines and Contract Management Requirements in the new Procurement Act 2023	30 April 10.30-11.30	Browne Jacobson LLP	<a href="#">Download the recording</a>
The new Notices regime in the Procurement Act 2023 – obligations, risks and opportunities for Authorities	14 May 11.00-12.30	Mills & Reeve	<a href="#">Download the recording</a>  <a href="#">Download the slides</a>
Procurement Act 2023: Spotlight on the selection stage	27 June 10.00-12.00	Eversheds Sutherland	<a href="#">Register here</a>



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Balancing direct award and transparency under the Procurement Act	11 July 10.00-11.00	Veale Wasbrough Vizards	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Social value in the Procurement Act 2024	Sept	Weightmans	tbc