Item 3(d)

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Glasgow City Council

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STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO CONTRACTS

Purpose of Report:

To submit for approval the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

Recommendations:

The Council is asked to approve the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts as submitted.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ✓	consulted: Yes ☐ No ✓

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1 Background

1.1 The Council is required to make Standing Orders Relating to Contracts in terms of Section 81 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The Standing Orders prescribe how the Council procures contracts for works, goods and services.

1.2 The previous version of the Standing Orders was approved in May 2017. Following the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union (EU), EU legislation governing new procurements ceased to apply with effect from 31 December 2020. To help in the immediate aftermath, amendments were made to Scottish procurement legislation and guidance in order to give effect to initial amendments that were considered necessary at the time.

1.3 These amendments were limited in scope as more detailed, wider-ranging, changes are expected through the introduction of new Scottish procurement legislation in due course. At this stage, however, the Standing Orders require some limited amendment, as summarised below.

2 Proposed Amendments

2.1 The current procurement legislation determines the various financial thresholds, procurement procedures and remedies applicable to the award of public contracts by the Council.

2.2 The relevant higher value thresholds changed with effect from 1 January 2022 and were notified by the Scottish Government's Scottish Procurement Policy Note (SPPN) 8/2021. From 1 January 2022, VAT (where applicable) forms part of the calculation of the new value thresholds. The new thresholds have been incorporated in the revised Standing Orders.

2.3 Other textual amendments have been made to refine or clarify parts of the previous Standing Orders and to make some technical procedural amendments, where considered necessary.

2.4 Any consequential amendment required as a result of the approval of these Standing Orders will be made to the relevant part of the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	No impact
Legal:	As outlined in the paragraphs above

Personnel	No personnel implications
Procurement:	As outlined in the paragraphs above
Council Strategic Plan:	Making best use of our resources
Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:	
Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25?	No impact
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No impact
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.	No impact
Climate Impacts:	
Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions?	No impact
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	No impact
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	No impact
Privacy and Data Protection impacts:	

4 Recommendations

4.1 Council is asked to approve the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts as submitted.