

Provision of purchasing card services – Award of contract approved.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the direct award of contract for the provision of purchasing cards services, advising that

- (1) the Council's historical annual spend associated with the provision of purchasing cards services was approximately £2.5m;
- (2) the contract would be used across the Council family and would commence on 1st August 2024 and end on 31st July 2028; and
- (3) it was agreed that a direct award of contract via a cluster agreement, as detailed in the report, was the most appropriate method to deliver this contract, and following an evaluation of all 4 suppliers from Lot 1 of the Crown Commercial Services' Payment Solutions 2 framework, it was recommended the contract be awarded to National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company.

After consideration, the committee approved the direct award of contract for the provision of purchasing cards to National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company at an estimated spend of £2.5m.