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Date responded:	19 th February 2026
Subject:	Tender – Fire Extinguishers

Question:

“Good afternoon I noted the Mhk Ms Haywood talking about corruption in local authorities. As such could you advise the last time and year Douglas City Council tendered for the supply and service of all the fire extinguishers they buy and get checked annually. If there has not been a competitive tender brought out in over 3 years, please supply a reason this has not happened. By not tendering for services unfortunately it does from the outside look like corrupt practices when spending rate payers money without tendering exercises being carried out.”

Response:

The supply and servicing of fire extinguishers is managed through two separate agreements: one covering Council-owned buildings and offices and one for Council social housing stock.

A quotation exercise for the supply and servicing of fire extinguishers within Council-owned buildings and offices was last undertaken in 2017. At that time, only one submission was received, and the responding company was subsequently appointed to deliver the service. The average annual cost for provision of this service is £837.00*

based on the annual costs incurred by the Council over the past five years.

The above relates to the following Council-owned properties.

- Douglas City Hall
- Ballacottier Service Centre
- Henry Bloom Noble Library
- Golf Depot
- Church Street
- Lawn Cemetery
- Douglas Crematorium & Chapel
- Pulrose Changing Rooms
- Shaws Brow Car Park
- Nobles Park Pavilion
- Eastern Civic Amenity Site

In relation to Douglas City Council's social housing stock, the annual cost for provision of this service is £850.

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, specifically *Standing Order 129 – Methods of Inviting Tenders and Quotations*, a tender or quotation exercise is not required for this

service, as total annual expenditure is significantly below the £6,500 threshold. Although the Council will periodically seek quotations as part of good procurement practice, it was determined that this was not necessary on this occasion, as annual costs have remained static and there has been no change in service provision.

The Council's Constitution, including Part 4 (1) Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) can be viewed on the Council's website at the following link:

<https://www.douglas.gov.im/your-council/constitution/>