

## A5 APPENDIX P

### PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE RULES

#### 6.2 Exemptions from Official Order Rules

Verbal orders, orders that are not accompanied by an official order or not exempt as set out below should only be made in special/exceptional circumstances and only after consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive or their designated officer. In the case of emergencies where an officer needs to take appropriate action to protect the Council's position or its assets then a verbal order can be made but the Deputy Chief Executive must be informed as soon as practical thereafter.

Where verbal orders are made they should be followed up by entering the necessary details on the Council's ordering system in accordance with 6.1 above as soon as possible.

The Deputy Chief Executive or a Corporate Director/Head of Department shall be exempt from the need to raise an official order in the following circumstances:-

(a)	For cash purchases using the Council's Petty Cash system, where ordering using the approved computer system is considered not to be practical. A maximum limit of £50 (excluding VAT) is applicable to each procurement made using the Council's Petty Cash system.
(b)	For the periodic payment of rent and National Non Domestic Rates.
(c)	For the periodic payment of former public utility supplies.
(d)	Where the nature of the goods, works or service requires an appropriate standard form of written contract.
(e)	For contract variations where a written contract requires a form of written contract variation, that is not in the format of the Council's standard official order.
(f)	For HRA assets where orders for goods, works or services are required to be raised through the Council's authorised Housing Management computer system.
(g)	For the engagement of Counsel by the Head of Governance and Legal Services.
(h)	Where the Chief Financial Officer has agreed the use of purchase cards or where one of the Council's credit cards is used. <b>However, whenever possible, an Official Order should be raised as soon as possible for audit and recording purposes after the transaction has been made using a corporate credit card.</b>
(i)	Any other circumstances as agreed, in advance of the procurement, by the Deputy Chief Executive
(j)	Where goods or services are procured in-house.