

Agenda item 9b: Amendments to Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has recently amended the 2018 model version of Standing Orders which Buxhall Parish Council re-adopted at its meeting 15 April 2020 (minute 150420/23 refers).

The amendments to the Standing Orders are as follows:

Section 18 – Financial controls and Procurement (parts f and g)

f) A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £189,330 for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,733,252 for a public works contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website and in OJEU.

g) A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £378,660 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,733,252 for a works contract; or £663,540 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

NALC have not yet issued advice regarding their model financial regulations, however the replacement footnotes at the bottom of **section 11** indicating the correct thresholds have been amended in accordance with the Model Standing Orders:

Section 11 – Contracts

- 1. For public supply and public service contracts £189,330**
- 2. For public works contracts £4,733,252**

Recommendation:

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as amended to be adopted.