

## ODS Scaffolding Summary

ODS have received multiple FOI enquiries about Scaffolding contracts. We have answered them factually and when requested have sought to clarify our responses in accordance with any queries raised.

To assist enquirers, below is a summary taken from the FOI requests we have received about scaffolding as well as some additional information to clarify ODS's use of scaffolding providers.

### **Scaffolding Contracts**

We do not have any scaffolding contracts in place which are deemed to be “formal” contracts. Formal contracts are individually negotiated arrangements with third party suppliers that require a bespoke set of terms and conditions that are not appropriate to a standard format, the details of which are placed on the ODS Contracts Register. However, as well as these formal contracts, under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, public sector organisations are additionally required to publish all transactions with organisations with a value over £5,000. ODS is currently reviewing the Register and aim to have all transactions with organisations over £5,000 published by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Thus, it is the case that where ODS has entered into an arrangement with a particular scaffolding supplier, by way of one or more standard purchase orders which in total exceed the £5,000 threshold, this will be recorded on the ODS Contracts Register. There are no “formal” contracts as such, but the relevant level of spend means that they must be recorded and published. This is what we have done.

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Scaffolding (Oxford) Ltd appear on the ODS Contracts Register for the reasons set out above. The details given in the table below show the aggregated spend with this company since ODS started trading in April 2018. The spend of £1,197,500 is the aggregated total value of the individual work orders that have been let to 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Scaffolding.

Please note: The contract register is updated quarterly and therefore there may be a time lag in things being published.

Scaffolding spend is currently increasing and therefore ODS is now out to tender for this service.

A tender for the framework for scaffolding providers was published on 9th January via ODS' new Procurement Portal, In-Tend. Please note that In-Tend has replaced Proactis (SE Business Portal). The intention to issue the tender in October 2022 was not met due to Oxford City Council's change in Procurement portal. The tender can be found under the current tender sections at the following URL link:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/oxfordcc>

The tender documentation can be downloaded from In-Tend upon supplier registration and login. In-Tend is free for suppliers to register on.

ODS believes that in engaging with its scaffolding suppliers it has followed the correct procurement procedures at all times.

### Scaffolding Jobs

We use a range of scaffolding companies to undertake work.

We have been asked in several FOI requests to provide individual scaffolding job information. Unfortunately, we are unable to disclose a list of all jobs with dates and costs of each job as this is commercially sensitive information, and disclosure is likely to prejudice the interests of the contractors engaged, and lead to the identification of the properties involved (see Freedom of Information Act 2000 s43).

We have therefore provided the following data covering the period from May 2018 to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 showing the contractor used, whether the jobs were sub £5,000 or over and the total values.

Supplier Name	Value
1ST CHOICE SCAFFOLDING	1,197,500
TONY ELDRIDGE SCAFFOLDING LTD	252,366
CMA BUILDING SERVICES LTD T A Q SCAFFOLD	4,805
ADVANCED SCAFFOLDING	314
OXFORD BLUE SCAFFOLDING	6,493
DUCKER & YOUNG	23,137
MG SCAFFOLDING	

Supplier Name	Under 5k	5k Plus
1ST CHOICE SCAFFOLDING	952,220	245,280
ADVANCED SCAFFOLDING	314	
CMA BUILDING SERVICES LTD T A Q SCAFFOLD	4,805	
DUCKER & YOUNG	1,637	21,500
OXFORD BLUE SCAFFOLDING	6,493	
TONY ELDRIDGE SCAFFOLDING LTD	135,686	116,680
MG SCAFFOLDING	8,968	17,334

Supplier Name	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
1ST CHOICE SCAFFOLDING	33,067	359,085	334,136	230,335	159,286	81,592
ADVANCED SCAFFOLDING			314			

CMA BUILDING SERVICES LTD T A Q SCAFFOLD	4,805						
DUCKER & YOUNG						23,137	
OXFORD BLUE SCAFFOLDING					1,105	5,388	
TONY ELDRIDGE SCAFFOLDING LTD	2,010	83,700	62,006	74,170	10,080	20,400	