

57648 AI Contracts

Does the council have plans to contract private companies to supply AI solutions to the council itself or the organisations it funds?

As reported at Policy and Sustainability Committee in March 2025, organisational engagement has taken place to identify areas where the administrative burden could be reduced by using AI.

AI is detailed in the Council Business Plan under section 10a. The Business Plan was approved by Elected Members in May 2025 and is published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13560/council-business-plan>

Page 15 - 10 a. "Modernise and streamline the Council's core business processes to deliver better outcomes for citizens, and a more secure and efficient organisation"

Page 38 - "Year 3: Progress the Council's AI strategy and procurement programme, with the aim of gaining investment and member approval for roll out across 2025/26"

At this point there is no agreement to contract for AI solutions. These would only progress following an appropriate business case, budget availability, and Committee approval.

If so, which companies have been approached?

CGI, our outsourced ICT provider, have been approached for AI analysis, covering potential use cases, process opportunities, organisational engagement, technology solutions, vendor engagement, RFI and RFP process and analysis.

How much are any proposed contracts worth?

We have not identified what any contract may be worth, as we are currently only exploring the potential use of AI. This would then require proposal/s, business case, budget with award subject to Committee approval.

Do any of the proposed areas of implementation involve the personal data of Edinburgh residents?

No.