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Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Dear Councillor

## INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following decisions made by a member of the cabinet will be made on Wednesday, 14 December 2016.

1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 1994 - THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PRECEPTS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 1995** 1 - 4

**Division/Wards Affected:** All Wards  
Cabinet Member: Councillor P Murphy

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2. **LODGED PROCUREMENT CARD POLICY** 5 - 44

**Division/Wards Affected:** All Wards  
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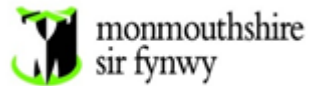
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**Paul Matthews**  
Chief Executive

### CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Partnership and External Working	Ward
P.A. Fox (Leader)	<p><b>Organisational Development</b> Whole Council Performance, Whole Council Strategy Development, Corporate Services, Democracy.</p> <p><b>Environment, Public Services &amp; Housing</b> Development Control, Building Control, Housing Service, Trading Standards, Public Protection, Environment &amp; Countryside.</p>	<p>WLGA Council WLGA Coordinating Board Local Service Board</p> <p>SEWTA SEWSPG</p>	Portskewett
R.J.W. Greenland (Deputy Leader)	<p><b>Innovation, Enterprise &amp; Leisure</b> Innovation Agenda, Economic Development, Tourism, Social Enterprise, Leisure, Libraries &amp; Culture, Information Technology, Information Systems.</p>	<p>WLGA Council Capital Region Tourism</p>	Devauden
P.A.D. Hobson (Deputy Leader)	<p><b>Community Development</b> Community Planning/Total Place, Equalities, Area Working, Citizen Engagement, Public Relations, Sustainability, Parks &amp; Open Spaces, Community Safety.</p>	<p>Community Safety Partnership Equalities and Diversity Group</p>	Larkfield
E.J. Hackett Pain	<p><b>Schools and Learning</b> School Improvement, Pre-School Learning, Additional Learning Needs, Children's Disabilities, Families First, Youth Service, Adult Education.</p>	<p>Joint Education Group (EAS) WJEC</p>	Wyesham
G. Burrows	<p><b>Social Care, Safeguarding &amp; Health</b> Adult Social Services including Integrated services, Learning disabilities, Mental Health. Children's Services including Safeguarding, Looked after Children, Youth Offending. Health and Wellbeing.</p>	<p>Gwent Frailty Board Older Persons Strategy Partnership Group</p>	Mitchel Troy
P. Murphy	<p><b>Resources</b> Accountancy, Internal Audit, Estates &amp; Property Services, Procurement, Human Resources &amp; Training, Health &amp; Safety.</p>	<p>Prosiect Gwrydd Wales Purchasing Consortium</p>	Caerwent
S.B. Jones	<p><b>County Operations</b> Highways, Transport, Traffic &amp; Network Management, Waste &amp; Recycling, Engineering, Landscapes, Flood Risk.</p>	<p>SEWTA Prosiect Gwrydd</p>	Goytre Fawr



## Sustainable and Resilient Communities

### Outcomes we are working towards

#### **Nobody Is Left Behind**

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

#### **People Are Confident, Capable and Involved**

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

#### **Our County Thrives**

- Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

### Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

### Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

## Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chryf

### Canlyniadau y gweithiwn i'w cyflawni

#### **Neb yn cael ei adael ar ôl**

- Gall pobl hŷn fyw bywyd da
- Pobl â mynediad i dai addas a fforddiadwy
- Pobl â mynediad a symudedd da

#### **Pobl yn hyderus, galluog ac yn cymryd rhan**

- Camddefnyddio alcohol a chyffuriau ddim yn effeithio ar fywydau pobl
- Teuluoedd yn cael eu cefnogi
- Pobl yn teimlo'n ddiogel

#### **Ein sir yn ffynnu**

- Busnes a menter
- Pobl â mynediad i ddysgu ymarferol a hyblyg
- Pobl yn diogelu ac yn cyfoethogi'r amgylchedd

### Ein blaenoriaethau

- Ysgolion
- Diogelu pobl agored i niwed
- Cefnogi busnes a chreu swyddi
- Cynnal gwasanaethau sy'n hygyrch yn lleol

### Ein gwerthoedd

- **Bod yn agored:** anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.

**SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 1994 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PRECEPTS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 1995**

**MEETING: Individual Cabinet Member Decision – Councillor P. Murphy**

**DATE: 14th December 2016**

**DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Countywide**

**1. PURPOSE:**

To seek Member approval of the proposals for consultation purposes regarding payments to precepting authorities during the 2017/18 financial year as required by statute.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the following schedule of payments be proposed:

(i) The Police Authority precept is paid from the Council Fund by twelve monthly equal instalments on the third Tuesday in each month.

(ii) The Community Council precepts are paid by three equal instalments on the last working day in April, August and December in each year.

2.2 That a further report be produced on the results of consultation enabling a determination to be made by 31st January in accordance with statute.

**3. KEY ISSUES:**

- 3.1 The Council as a billing authority is required to determine the schedule of instalments for payment of Precepts from the Council Fund for each year.
- 3.2 The Regulations provide that on or before the 31st December each year a billing authority must inform each precepting authority of its proposals for a schedule of instalments to satisfy all of the precepts. This proposal should be followed by a determination on or before the 31st January, with at least 21 days elapsing between decision on the proposals and the making of a determination.
- 3.3 In each schedule the billing authority must specify the number of instalments, the proportion of each precept which is to be paid in each instalment and the dates in the year on which instalments are to be paid. The payment to the Police Authority must be made on the same day and should not be less than twelve instalments in any one financial year. In the case of Town and Community Councils the agreement can be one of the following:
  - i) Payment by three instalments in April, August and December or;
  - ii) Payment by one instalment on the last working day in April.
- 3.4 For the current year Monmouthshire County Council operate the arrangement identified in (i) above for Town and Community Councils and pay the Police Authority precept on the third Tuesday of each month.
- 4. REASONS:**
- 4.1 To approve the proposals for consultation purposes regarding payments to precepting authorities during the 2017/18 financial year as required by statute.
- 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**
- 5.1 Slight cash flow advantages would be achieved should a decision be made to pay the Police Authority precept on the last working day of each month.
- 6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This report outlines the available options regarding payments to precepting authorities as required by statute and as such does not have any sustainable development or equality implications.
- 7. CONSULTEES:**

Senior Leadership Team  
All Cabinet Members  
Head of Finance  
Head of Legal Services

**Results of Consultation:**

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None.

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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LODGED PROCUREMENT CARD POLICY</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Individual Cabinet Member Decision</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>14 December 2016</b>
<b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

**1. PURPOSE:**

To seek approval for the Lodged Procurement Card Policy to be used within the Authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Lodged Procurement Card Policy included as Appendix 2 be approved.

**3. KEY ISSUES:**

In 2013 Barclaycard won the contract with the Welsh Government to be the provider for the Welsh Government Procurement Card scheme.

Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) had identified a need for a payment function that enabled both immediate and online payments to be undertaken.

Following research into the Procurement Card facility, which involved liaising with other Welsh Local Authorities already using the Welsh Procurement Cards (Newport City Council and Swansea City Council to name a few), it was agreed by the Head of Finance that a trial would be undertaken within MCC.

The trial consisted of 4 lodged cards (Cards issued to specific suppliers who would then charge orders received from authorised MCC officers to the card) issued to Banner Business Supplies Ltd, Michael I Holdsworth Ltd, Welsh Bros. Foods Ltd and EPSO.

The trial was based on a policy that had been drafted from best practice of the Welsh Government and other Welsh Local Authorities. Throughout the trial amendments have been made to the policy which reflects the needs of MCC. For Example the number of roles assigned to officers within the policy has been amended to work within MCC structures and transaction limits have been adjusted to accommodate MCC working practises.

We are now at the stage where we have learnt all we can from the pilot and need to agree the policy to move the program forward.

The policy attached in Appendix 2 outlines the program and procedures governing the Welsh Government Procurement Card (Procurement Card) scheme for purchasing across

Monmouthshire County Council (MCC). It outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Budget Holder, Agresso Administrators, Cardholders and the Procurement Card Administration Team.

Lodged Procurement Card Governance and Assurance is required within an overall framework of checks.

These are as follows:

- The policy is under the general control of the Head of Finance.
- Separation of duties (there must always be a separation of duties between the Budget Holder, Agresso Administrator and Purchase Card Scheme Administrator).
- Demonstrable audit trails.
- Meaningful and regularly produced management reports. Data integrity checks and compliance checks.

#### **4. REASONS:**

The Authority needs to put a policy in place to mitigate against any risks associated with the use of Lodged Procurement Cards to protect both the card holder and the authority.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As the number of cards being used increases, there will be a slight increase in the admin resource required.

The pilot identified a number of resource intensive areas which the policy looks to address, for example the policy reinforces that the responsibility for checking and validating spend lies with the Budget Holder rather than with Finance.

We have also automated the load of data from the Barclaycard Spend Management System into the Agresso system for card holders to check and process transactions, previously this was a manual process with lots of duplication within the process.

Dependant upon the scale of role out of this facility further resource may be required at some point in the future. The further role out of cards is subject to approval by the Head of Finance (or representative) of business cases submitted by individual sections, impact on resource will be assessed at this stage before the role out is agreed.

#### **6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The significant sustainable development and equality impacts identified in the assessment (Appendix 1) are summarised below for members' consideration:

1. The procurement card will support direct services by providing them with the ability to purchase relevant goods / services to assist them in achieving this goal which may not have otherwise been possible / practical via other payment methods.
2. Payment methods have changed over the years with more and more businesses updating to accept electronic payments. Many online businesses will only accept immediate payment via a payment card. We need to provide services with the ability purchase goods and services in this environment.
3. Many Suppliers only accept immediate payment for goods and services thus eliminating the risk of bad debts. Offering this payment method will increase the supply base of the

authority which is both good for the authority obtaining competitive pricing and the supplier by increasing business trade.

The actual impacts from this report's recommendations will be reviewed every 2 years and criteria for monitoring and review will include:

Regular Audit review of the Lodged Purchase Card Provision and Policy

**7. SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no safeguarding or corporate parenting implications linked with this report.

**8. CONSULTEES:**

- Strategic Leadership Team
- All cabinet Members
- Head of Finance
- Head of Legal
- Revenues, Systems & Exchequer Team
- Internal Audit
- Card users involved in the pilot

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Appendix 1 Future Generations Evaluation Form

Appendix 2 Lodged Procurement Card Policy

Appendix 3 Brief overview of the Lodged Procurement Card Policy

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## Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

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<p><b>Name of Service Revenues, Systems and Exchequer</b></p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</b> 18.11.16</p>

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**NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc.**


**9. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below?** Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>The procurement card will support direct services by providing them with the ability to purchase relevant goods / services to assist them in achieving this goal which may not have otherwise been possible / practical via other payment methods.</p>	
<p><b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)		
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	N/A	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	N/A	
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	N/A	
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	N/A	
<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	N/A	

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p><i>Payment methods have changed over the years with more and more businesses updating to accept electronic payments. Many online businesses will only accept immediate payment via a payment card. We need to provide services with the ability purchase goods and services in this environment.</i></p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>We have and will continue to work with Barclaycard, Welsh Purchasing Consortium and other Welsh Local Authorities, Various Suppliers to get the best use of the Procurement Card Program.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>We have and will continue to work with Direct Service Departments, Barclaycard, Welsh Purchasing Consortium and other Welsh Local Authorities, Various Suppliers to get the best use of the Procurement Card Program.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Many services have reported not being able to purchase goods or services at the most economical online as the card facility has not previously been available.</p>	

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p><i>Many Suppliers only accept immediate payment for goods and services thus eliminating the risk of bad debts. Offering this payment method will increase the supply base of the authority which is both good for the authority obtaining competitive pricing and the supplier by increasing business trade.</i></p>	

3. **Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics?** Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or [alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	N/A		
Disability	N/A		
Gender reassignment	N/A		
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A		



Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Pregnancy or maternity	N/A		
Race	N/A		
Religion or Belief	N/A		
Sex	N/A		
Sexual Orientation	N/A		
Welsh Language	N/A		

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Safeguarding	N/A	<i>Safeguarding is about ensuring that everything is in place to promote the well-being of children and vulnerable adults, preventing them from being harmed and protecting those who are at risk of abuse and neglect.</i>	
Corporate Parenting	N/A		

**5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?**

The card scheme has been piloted for a period of time.  
The trial consisted of 4 lodged cards (Cards issued to specific suppliers who would then charge orders received from authorised MCC officers to the card) issued to Banner Business Supplies Ltd, Michael I Holdsworth Ltd, Welsh Bros. Foods Ltd and EPSO.  
The policy had initially been drafted based on best practice at other local authorities around Wales and subsequently updated as the pilot progressed within Monmouthshire to incorporate feedback from Card Holders, Finance and Audit.

**6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?**

Positive

- The procurement card enables the authority to keep up to date with the changing environment of supplier for example purchasing goods and Services online.
- The policy helps mitigate risk to both the individual card holders and the authority by setting out clear procedures to be followed and monitoring the procedures have been adhered to.

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**7. ACTIONS:** As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress

**8. MONITORING:** The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	August 2018 – Audit Review of Procurement cards
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**9. VERSION CONTROL:** The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
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## Glossary of terms

Glossary term	Glossary definition
Service Area	Area of Responsibility assigned to a particular identifiable group of officers for this role eg Heads of Service
Lodged Procurement Card	This can be either a physical or virtual card. Card details are held by the supplier and any orders placed by MCC officers are charged against the card.
Named Card Holder (CH)	Officer(s) the card is issued to. Each card is issued to a named individual. At present all lodged cards are issued in the name of the Finance Manager for Systems Admin and Financial Control.
Requisitioner	Officer who places the order with the supplier.
Procurement Card Distributor (PCD) Code allocation	Officer(s) responsible for coding Procurement Card Transactions on the Agresso System.
Budget Holder / Agresso Approver (BH)	Officer(s) responsible for all income and expenditure against a specific budget. Generally the budget holder and the Agresso Approver will be the same officer unless level of spend has been segregated on the Agresso System.
Barclaycard Spend Management (BSM)	BSM is an online management tool which provides transaction and statement data for Procurement Card activity.
Procurement Card Administration Team (PCAT) <a href="mailto:Creditors@monmouthshire.gov.uk">Creditors@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a>	This is the team responsible for the administration of the Procurement Card scheme which includes: creation and maintenance of policies and procedures, review and submission of relevant forms to Barclaycard, Liaison between Barclay Card and Monmouthshire County Council. Creation and maintenance of system interfaces. Maintenance of the BSM system etc. The role is currently allocated to the Financial System Support Team.



## Section 1: Policy

### 1.1. Policy introduction

#### 1.1.1 Purpose of this policy document

This document outlines the policy and procedures governing the Welsh Government Procurement Card (Procurement Card) scheme for Lodged Procurement Cards across Monmouthshire County Council (MCC). It outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Budget Holder, Procurement Card Distributors, Users of the Card and the Procurement Card Administration Team.

The policy is broadly based on the authorities Procurement Card Policy and has been adapted to apply specifically to Lodged Procurement Cards.

A lodged card can be either a physical or virtual card. Card details are held by the supplier and any orders placed by MCC officers are charged against the card.

Each supplier may have different operating processes and procedures as such each card will have a supporting procedure note specific to the Lodged Procurement Card (supplier).

**This policy applies to ALL Lodged Procurement Card administered by MCC and includes the SRS, CMC2, Schools.**

**Note: all staff involved in the administration of the Lodged Procurement Card must read this document prior to applying for a card and sign to agree that they will follow this policy prior to the card being issued.**

**All staff must follow the policies and procedures given in this document. Failure to adhere to the policy requirements will result in withdrawal of access to the Lodged Procurement Card and / or disciplinary action in accordance with the relevant disciplinary policies.**

**Staff should also refer to (MCC) Finance and Procurement policies as other council policies also govern purchasing and payment practice. Please see below:**

#### **Financial Procedure Rules**

<http://corplib/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/Records/Management/Strategic%20planning/Polices%20and%20procedures/Financial%20Procedure%20Rules.pdf&action=default>

#### **Contract Procedure Rules**

<http://corplib/Records/Management/Strategic%20planning/Polices%20and%20procedures/Contract%20Procedure%20Rules.pdf?Web=1>

#### **Financial Instructions for Schools**

<http://corphub/initiatives/CYPFinance/Documents/Forms/Allitems.aspx>

### 1.1.2 Lodged Procurement Card Governance and Assurance

Lodged Procurement Card Governance and Assurance is required within an overall framework of checks.

These are as follows:

- The policy is under the general control of the Head of Finance.
- Separation of duties (there must always be a separation of duties between the Budget Holder, Procurement Card Distributor and Procurement Card Scheme Administrator – please note the requisitioner can be either the Procurement Card Distributor or the Budget Holder or neither but not both).
- Demonstrable audit trails.
- Meaningful and regularly produced management reports.
- Data integrity checks and compliance checks e.g. VAT.

### 1.1.3 Lodged Procurement Card overview

A Lodged Procurement Card is a Visa branded purchasing card, operated within MCC via Barclaycard. It is a recognised method of purchasing and payment for goods or services purchased in line with agreed business cases.

Suppliers' bank accounts will be credited with the transaction amount four days after a purchase has been made using a Procurement Card.

The Authority will make one monthly BACS payment to Barclaycard for the total expenditure on each of the Authority's Procurement Cards schemes.

The Procurement Card is not intended to replace the current purchasing and payment systems, but to complement MCC purchase order and payments systems.

The use of lodged Procurement Cards is permitted in the following circumstances:

- Where suppliers do not accept purchase orders, for example, when purchasing via the Internet; or
- When working outside of normal office hours when a Purchase Order cannot be raised; or
- Where supported by a business case to evidence service efficiencies (Business Case must be approved by Head of Finance or delegated officer).

**Requisitioners must only use the card for official business purposes. Misuse of the Lodged Procurement Card may result in disciplinary action and/or criminal proceedings.**

Where transaction queries are raised with the Requisitioner, it may be necessary for the Procurement Card Administration Team to report their responses to senior officers and MCC Chief Internal Auditor. Failure for Requisitioners to respond to queries could result in the removal of access to the Lodged Procurement Card.

#### 1.1.4 Procurement Card Transparency

In accordance with MCC requirements for transparency, MCC will publish Procurement Card transactional level data on the MCC internet. This data is published monthly in arrears.

Publishing data will provide:

- Visibility to the use of the Procurement Card to the general public
- Evidence of control and compliance.

Before publication the data will be distributed to all managers to arrange for the transactions to be checked, and if necessary, explained. It is important to note that the details of all transactions will be in the public domain.

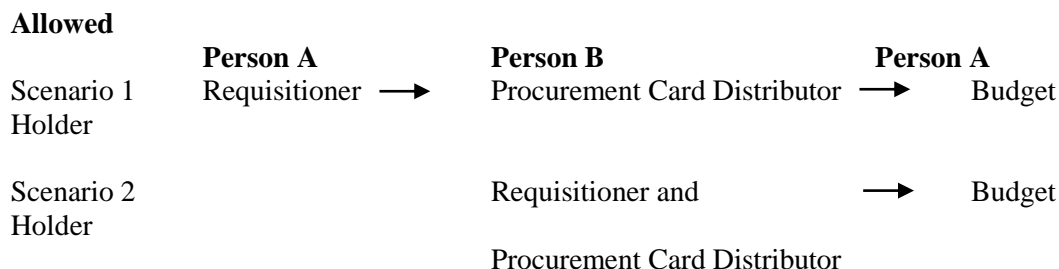
**Transactions which are seemingly not in the interest of the taxpayer or do not represent general business activity may result in press and/or public interest. It is the responsibility of Cardholders and Budget Holders to be able to justify any transaction they make.**

## 1.2. Policy regulations and restrictions

### 1.2.1 Administration and authorisation

All staff must ensure compliance with all business rules and purchasing restrictions.

- All staff that are given responsibility for Procurement Card authorisation, administration and usage must be permanent members of staff.
- Service Areas can have more than one requisitioner and more than one Procurement Card Distributor. It is recommended, wherever possible, that the Budget Holder is the line manager or a manager above the requisitioner in the reporting hierarchy.
- Each Budget Holder can check the purchases of more than one requisitioner as long as the expenditure is being charged to their budget.
- Only requests from Budget Holders for changes to requisitioner details or to set up new requisitioners will be actioned by the Procurement Card Administration Team.
- To ensure the risk of fraud and misuse is mitigated Budget Holders in general must not hold be a requisitioner themselves. However it is accepted that on occasion this situation may be unavoidable, particularly in smaller offices. Should this situation arise then the Procurement Card Distributor must be different from the Requisitioner.



### 1.2.2 Delegated Financial Authority

**It is the responsibility of the Budget Holder to ensure Requisitioners have the correct delegated authority.**

#### Procurement Card Delegated Authority

- Requisitioners must always have an authorised level of spend equivalent to the Transaction Limit on the requested Procurement Card.
  - Users of the card will be detailed in the relevant business case

Cards can be associated with more than one Service Area to enable the Requisitioner to purchase on behalf of more than one service.

A default cost centre is set for each requisitioner so that in the event of any payments not being coded for any reason there is a cost centre to charge against.

### 1.2.3 Lodged Procurement Card credit limits

Each card carries a monthly and transaction credit limit for control purposes:

- 'Monthly credit limit', this is the total amount that can be purchased within each monthly cycle. (The cycle runs from the 15<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 14<sup>th</sup> of the next, inclusively.)
- 'Transaction credit limit' this is the total amount that can be purchased within one transaction.

All new cards are set as standard in line with the business case (amount is inclusive of VAT) monthly and transaction limit; Requisitioners have no authority to amend this amount.

Any requests for change need to be referred to the Procurement Card Administration Team on a case by case basis by the budget holder. Request should be made via email to the Procurement Card Administration Team.

### 1.2.4 Lodged Procurement Card application forms

The Procurement Card Administration Team must ensure that the applications forms are fully and accurately completed.

Lodged Procurement Cards must be in the name of an MCC Officer currently this is the Finance Manager for Systems Administration, Financial Control and Banking. Acceptance of the *Personal data form* terms and conditions are a mandatory legal requirement under Financial Services Authority (FSA) rules and must be signed by each Procurement Card Cardholder.

The *Personal data form* must then be returned to the Procurement Card Administration Team to keep on record as evidence of acceptance.

### 1.2.5 Lodged Procurement Card purchasing rules

The following rules apply for Requisitioners making purchases with the Lodged Procurement Card:

- For each requisition, the Requisitioner should first follow all necessary procedures to ensure value for money before making the purchase.
- MCC contracted suppliers must be used whenever possible to ensure value for money and increased security of Procurement Card details (If in doubt the Requisitioner must contact the Strategic Procurement Section).
- The Requisitioner must always personally place the order.

**Note: compliance with this rule is closely monitored and repeated non-compliance will result in a breach which will be reported to MCC Chief Internal Auditor and potential cancellation of the Lodged Procurement Card.**

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- When Lodging a Procurement Card, Officers must never personally benefit by gaining points on store loyalty cards, accepting sales vouchers or by any other means. This breaches policy on propriety and will be treated as a disciplinary offence.
- The Procurement Administration Team must communicate to Requisitioner what supporting documentation is to be retained e.g. sales invoice, the Requisitioner must adhere to this requirement.

### **Any invoices received relating to Procurement Card purchases should be returned to the supplier to avoid duplication of payment.**

- When an incorrect amount has been charged, the Requisitioner must approach the supplier to resolve the problem within 48 hours of receiving the statement.

### **1.2.6 Lodged Procurement Card restrictions on use**

The Lodged Procurement Card must never be used to make purchases contrary to MCC strategies and purchasing policies. This means that the cards cannot be used to purchase goods and services from an alternative supplier where a contract exists.

### **Off-contract spend or expenditure outside of an established procured contract is monitored centrally by the Procurement Team and will be challenged.**

Restrictions / blocks applied to Procurement Card Merchant Category Groups (MCG) or Procurement Card Merchant Category Codes (WPCMCC) apply to all cards.

In special circumstances where there are operational difficulties which cannot be avoided cards may be unblocked for a category. A business case should be sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team for consideration.

### **1.2.7 Purchases prohibited by The Lodged Procurement Card policy**

Lodged Procurement Card **must not** be used for:

- obtaining cash
- paying invoices
- Direct debits – acceptable in exceptional circumstances only, and with prior authorisation by the Head of Finance or representative.
- making payments that fall under the Construction Industry Scheme (CIS)
- Payments to suppliers who have breached Procurement Card terms and conditions.
- purchase of capital equipment
- payment gateways, e.g. PayPal whereby card details are stored with the gateway supplier

**Procurement Card Visa is categorised into 34 Categories of spend. Requisitioners have access to all these groupings except those listed below.**

Procurement Card Category Description	MCC Blocked Y/N	Comments
Cash	Y	Cash withdrawal has been blocked for all Procurement Cards

### 1.2.8 Lodged Procurement Card non-compliance reports

Monthly non-compliance reports are maintained by the Financial Control Team and are available to the Procurement Team, Vat Team, Audit Team and the Procurement Card Administration Team for review. Where unauthorised purchases have been made; these will be reported to the Head of Finance and the relevant Budget Holder for further investigation.

If you have questions about specific purchases please consult your Budget Holder in the first instance or the Procurement Card Administration Team.

### 1.2.9 Lodged Contingency cards

**Cards which are used to purchase in operational emergencies are exclusively for this purpose.**

Contingency Cards are to be supported by a business case. Use of these cards will be rare by nature. If spend is incurred on these cards, the relevant Budget Holder is responsible for ensuring spend is justified.

### 1.2.10 Delivery of goods purchased with a Lodged Procurement Card

It is Lodged Procurement Card policy that all orders must be delivered to an official departmental address, ideally orders should be delivered to the Requisitioner; however, it may be operationally necessary for orders to be delivered to specific locations. Requisitioners should state the delivery location when placing an order. Any *Goods received notes* sent by the supplier (including those sent to stores) should be retained.

Regulations state that the supplier must be in a position to dispatch the goods before a transaction is processed. If the supplier has to place a back order because the goods are not in stock the transaction cannot be undertaken until the goods are available for despatch. At this time the supplier should contact the Requisitioner for authorisation.

**Note: where the supplier agrees to credit returned goods or failed service, they must apply the credit to the Lodged Procurement Card that made the purchase.**

### **1.3. Record management policy**

#### **1.3.1 Importance of record management**

Record management is essential to the success of the Lodged Procurement Card scheme. Lodged *Procurement Card statements*, and all associated documents are to be retained to support the financial statements and reduce the risks of fraud or of staff being left in a vulnerable position should queries about individual purchase arise subsequently. This means documents for the current financial year, plus the six previous financial years must be retained. All documents should be kept in a secure location and be available for Audit as required.

### **1.4. Risk management policy**

#### **1.4.1 Importance of risk management**

A Budget Holder/ Procurement Card Administration Team/ Procurement Officer must carry out spot checks on Procurement Card transactions inline with their own local risk management checks and compliance controls. The checks must be performed by a member of staff who is not a Requisitioner.

It is the Budget Holders responsibility to report any forms of misuse, irregularities or potential breaches of propriety to the Procurement Card administration Team. Checks must be made to ensure Lodged Procurement Card transactions made for Travel and Subsistence expenses are not claimed elsewhere.

Requisitioner lists will be circulated by the Procurement card Administration Team on a six monthly and must be verified by the Budget Holder. Any discrepancies noted must be reported to the Procurement Card Administration Team.

Requisitioners, Procurement Card Distributors and Budget Holders should be made aware that departmental controls over Lodged Procurement Cards will be subject to inspection as part of normal Internal Audit routines.



## **1.5. Card security and fraud awareness policy**

### **1.5.1 Importance of card security and fraud awareness**

The potential for frauds or Requisitioner misuse is a key risk in the use of the Lodged Card Programme. A number of key controls have been built into the system to prevent, detect and deal with this.

The monthly and transaction spend limits are outlined in Section 1: Policy (1.2.3).

All staff (where applicable) must forward the details of all known incidents of fraud or suspected fraud to MCC Chief Internal Auditor.

If the Requisitioner suspects any fraud on the card the Requisitioner must notify The Procurement Administration Team immediately who will then notify Barclay Card using the 24-hour customer service (a leaflet containing contact details is provided with the Lodged Procurement Card – officers must ensure this is kept in an accessible location). The bank will cancel the card and arrange to issue a replacement. The Requisitioner should ensure that they have the details of the suspect transaction when making the call.

Where fraudulent activity has been suspected, the Procurement Card Administration Team should cut the card through the magnetic strip and the chip and dispose of it in confidential waste.

All users have a responsibility to make themselves aware of the areas of risk, and of what to do if fraud is suspected. What follows are the key points with regard to the Lodged Procurement Card.

### **1.5.2 Receiving the Lodged Card and PIN**

Cards are provided to Named Cardholders and are not transferable.

Upon receipt the Cardholder must memorise and destroy the PIN in confidential waste, or store securely away from the card details and where no one else can access the PIN.

### **1.5.3 Securing the Lodged card**

The Procurement Administration Team can determine if the card is virtual or physical. Where a physical card is requested this card should be locked in a secure place and should only be accessed by the named Cardholder.

### **1.5.4 Non disclosure of card details and PIN**

The Procurement Card should never be photocopied.

**The Cardholder should not disclose the full 16-digit number of the card to any other member of staff.** Some Procurement Card forms require the full card number. These forms should only be completed by the Named Cardholder and only sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team.

Care must be taken when communicating card details to suppliers e.g. Verify Email address is correct.

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Named Cardholders are expected to take reasonable care to avoid inadvertent disclosure of their card number, and to be aware of their surroundings and those present when communicating the Procurement Card details. In particular, they should take care when using the card in public areas or over the telephone.

The Named Cardholder should never disclose their PIN or three-digit security code to any other staff member in any situation. If this happens accidentally (or the Named Cardholder suspects it has happened), The Named Cardholders should contact the Procurement Card Administration Team to request a new PIN, or Procurement Card. Named Cardholders should also never write the PIN or security code down.

### **1.5.5 Procurement Card online card security**

When purchasing online, Named Cardholders should always ensure they are using a secure site. The Internet address for secure sites begins 'https' and not just 'http'. Please refer to current best practice guide for purchasing over the internet available on <https://www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/>

The Named Cardholder must never reply to emails purporting to be from the bank. All genuine communication regarding Procurement Card will be sent from the Procurement Card Administration Team.

## Section 2: Roles and responsibilities

This section defines the roles and responsibilities that individuals have when managing and utilising the Lodged Procurement Card on behalf of MCC.

### 2.1. The Budget Holder

#### 2.1.1 Budget Holder role

The Budget Holder is a permanent member of staff with budget responsibility.

#### 2.1.2 Budget Holder responsibilities for Lodged Procurement Cards:

- Submitting / agreeing a business case identifying Requisitioners to the Procurement Card Administration Team.
- Budget Holders must check and ensure that all Requisitioners have read the Lodged Procurement Card Policy and are aware of their obligations before using the card
- ensuring that the Requisitioner has read and understood the personal data terms and conditions contained within the electronic application form and that they have signed a hard copy which the Procurement Card Administration Team must secure locally
- validating the data within the card applications before forwarding to the Procurement Card Administration Team for processing
- maintaining a list of Requisitioners and their business contact details for communication and administration purposes
- Checking their Requisitioners' purchases and documentation each month, reconciling the *Card transactions* and recording any errors, mismatches, omissions or potential misuse.
- arranging for all associated documents to be retained for the current financial year plus the previous six years as per audit requirements
- Reporting any misuse or non compliance to the Procurement Card Administration Team and Chief Internal Auditor.
- Updating the Procurement Card Administration Team with any changes in their details or those of their Requisitioner via email. E.g. staff who leave the authority or who leave the Section must be reported immediately to the Procurement Card Administration Team.
- review and approval of Procurement Card transactions and documentation on Agresso
- Production of management information reports via Agresso as and when required.

### 2.2. The Requisitioner

#### 2.2.1 Requisitioner role

The Requisitioner is a permanent member of staff nominated by the budget holder. By inclusion in the business case the Requisitioner is deemed to have been assigned the appropriate level of delegated financial authority by the Budget Holder to purchase goods and services via Procurement Card in accordance with the MCC Procurement Card policy.

### 2.2.2 Requisitioner responsibilities

The Requisitioner is responsible for the following:

- compliant use of the Lodged Procurement Card as outlined in the Lodged Procurement Card policy
- must ensure that all necessary procedures to ensure value for money are followed for each purchase
- keep accurate and up-to-date *records*
- Must reconcile their Lodged *Card transactions* with their *Purchases*, confirming that the details accurately reflect the purchases made, and submit relevant documentation e.g. receipts along with all other documents when recording / coding the transactions on Agresso at the end of each period for approval (Training will be provided to all Requisitioners before the card is issued).
- Must ensure that any overcharges are credited back to the Lodged Procurement Card.
- Must retain Lodged Procurement Card spend receipts and associated documents if required e.g. Vat receipts.
- must raise any Lodged Procurement Card queries with the Procurement Card Administration Team
- Must update Procurement Card Administration Team of any changes (e.g. maternity leave).

Note: Requisitioners are reminded of the need for care when using the card. Where possible, a contracted supplier should always be used as prices charged will have been determined in advance (All Welsh Purchasing Consortium contractors allow Procurement Card transactions).

Details of current contracts can be viewed via the “Contract Register and Forward Plan” following the below link:

<http://corphub/initiatives/Procurement/SitePages/Home.aspx>

## 2.3 The Procurement Card Distributor Role and Responsibilities

### 2.3.1 Procurement Card Distributor Role

The Procurement Card Distributor is a permanent member of staff nominated by the Budget Holder by inclusion in the business case. This officer is required to code the Procurement Card Transactions within the Agresso system and attach the relevant receipt to the transaction.

### 2.3.2 Procurement Card Distributor Responsibilities:

The Procurement Card Distributor is responsible for the following:

- Compliant recording of Lodged Procurement Card Transactions as outlined in the Lodged Procurement Card policy.
- Confirming that the details accurately reflect the purchases made, and submit relevant documentation e.g. receipts, along with all other documents when recording / coding the transactions on Agresso at the end of each period.

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(Training will be provided to all Procurement Card Distributors before the card is issued).

- must store Lodged Procurement Card spend receipts and associated documents
- must raise any Lodged Procurement Card queries with the Procurement Card Administration Team
- Must update Procurement Card Administration Team of any changes (e.g. maternity leave).

## 2.4 Audit

### 2.4.1 Audit role

This role is completed under the direction of the Chief Internal Auditor or Audit Manger.

### 2.4.2 Audit responsibilities

The Audit Section is responsible for the following:

- Providing independent assurance on the control environment for Lodged Procurement Cards.
- Undertaking periodic reviews to monitor compliance with Policy and the value for money obtained from the use of the lodged cards.
- Reporting to the Head of Finance, Assistant Head of Finance, Finance Manager and relevant Budget Holders on findings from Audit work undertaken.

## 2.5 The Procurement Card Administration Team

### 2.5.1 Procurement Card Administration Team roles

The Procurement Card Administration Team are the first point of contact for Procurement Card Distributors and Requisitioners in relation to Lodged Procurement Card general administration and control.

### 2.5.2 Procurement Card Administration Team responsibilities

The Procurement Card Administration Team is responsible for the following:

- issuing key communications to Procurement Card users
- processing card applications and validating card accounts
- dealing with any Requisitioners' account queries, e.g. unblocking cards, amending card limits
- Acting as the first point of contact with the bank.
- arranging for all payments to be made through the agreed finance process
- Day-to-day maintenance of Barclaycard Spend Management information for Requisitioners.
- To provide adhoc/monthly management information upon receipt of an *Application for management information* where staff do not have access to Barclaycard Spend Management System.
- Undertake the download of transaction information from the Barclaycard Spend Management Online System to Agresso.
- Monitor and report on transactions not adhering to this policy.
- Monitor and report on un-recovered Vat as a result of lack of Vat receipts
- Reconciliation of Control Account to ensure monthly payment to Barclay Card matches value of transactions recorded by Requisitioners / Budget Holders.
- Reporting any concerns over potential misuse of cards or non compliance with Policy to the relevant Budget Holders and/or Head of Finance for investigation.

## **Section 3: Lodged Procurement Card administration**

### **3.1. Account opening mandate**

#### **3.1.1 Product account opening mandate**

Each entity e.g. MCC, CMC2 etc is required to set up a product with Barclaycard and it is mandatory that a *Product opening mandate form* is completed before any application forms can be processed by the Authority.

The Procurement Card Administration Team will complete the *Product opening mandate form*.

#### **3.1.2 Nominating the Procurement Card Distributor and the Requisitioner**

When the product has been set up the Budget Holder must nominate a suitable Procurement Card Distributor and Requisitioner, A description of these roles is given in Section 2: Roles and Responsibilities (2.2, 2.3, and 2.4). The nominees must be provided with a copy of this policy and asked to read it through. They must be able to demonstrate an understanding of their responsibilities.

Requisitioners, Procurement Card Distributors and Budget Holders will be required to attend an induction program for Lodged Procurement Cards after which they will be required to sign to confirm they understand their responsibilities under the Lodged Procurement Card Policy.

### **3.2. Card application, distribution and activation**

#### **3.2.1 Card application process**

To apply for a Barclaycard Lodged Procurement Card, a *Cardholder application form* must be completed by the Procurement Card Administration Team and then forwarded to Barclaycard

The Procurement Card Administration Team must approve the Cardholder's *Procurement Card application form* and validate its contents including the Service reference numbers and retain locally the card requestors' signed *Personal data form* [Section 1: Policy (1.2.4)].

Forms will be checked and verified by the Procurement Card Administration Team. Incomplete applications will be rejected back to the relevant officer. Please note personal postal and/or email addresses will not be accepted. Phone numbers must be work landline numbers only.

Approved applications will then be forwarded to Barclaycard within five working days.

### **3.2.2 Card distribution**

All new cards and PINS will be sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team business address. Cardholders will need to arrange to collect cards. Cards are usually received within 5–7 business days.

When Cardholders collect their new card, they must complete an *Acknowledgement of card and PIN receipt form*. They must also attend an induction to MCC Procurement Cards session. This will be arranged by the Procurement Card Administration Team.

The PIN will be sent separately from the Procurement Card and once received the Named Cardholder must secure the PIN in a locked cupboard.

Named Card Holder will need to contact the Procurement Card Administrators if the card or PIN is not received within ten working days.

If Named Cardholders lose their Procurement Card or forget their PIN, they should contact the Procurement Card Administration Team to request a new PIN, or Procurement Card. Never write the PIN or security code down. To report lost or stolen cards see Section 3: Procurement Card Administration (3.8.1).

### **3.2.3 Card activation**

Upon receipt of the new Procurement Card, instructions will be included regarding the activation process.

## **3.3. Purchasing process**

### **3.3.1 Purchasing methods**

Purchases can be made in one of the following ways:

- by telephone and quoting the card number
- by using the internet, via a secure site, providing the necessary card and delivery details The Internet address for secure sites begins 'https' and not just 'http'. Please refer to current best practice guide for purchasing over the internet available on <https://www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/>
- By visiting the supplier's premises and using CHIP & PIN/signing for the goods.

For security, a supplier may request the billing address of a card. For all cards, this is the Named Cardholder's business address.

Cardholders must not also issue purchase orders where a Lodged Procurement Card has been used.

### **3.3.2 Items received into Stores**

For items received into stores, the Store manager is responsible for updating the *Requisitioner* when the goods are received. Items that have been part delivered



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should be recorded as such to notify the Requisitioner to ensure they take this into account when reconciling statements.

Where goods are not received directly by the Requisitioner the original requisitioner must make an entry on the *Purchase transaction log* as independent verification that delivery has occurred.

### **3.4. Recording and Reconciling Transactions**

#### **3.4.1 Recording and reconciliation**

- Each purchase must be recorded as it is made, this may be via a log or storage of receipts, orders etc.
- All receipts and delivery notes should be kept. If your purchase is over the phone, then remember to ask your supplier to ensure that the sales receipt/goods received note is sent to you when the goods/services have been delivered.

Transactions made just prior to the end of the monthly card cycle (14<sup>th</sup> of each month) may not appear on Agresso until the following month. The Requisitioner should retain the documentation and carry this forward to their next months' transactions.

The Requisitioner must also confirm that the:

- purchases were appropriate and made for the Department
- goods or services were received
- Price was fair and reasonable.
- Documentation is in compliance with this policy.

### **3.5. Cardholder statements**

#### **3.5.1 What is Barclaycard Spend Management System (BSM)?**

BSM is a Visa internet-based reporting and expense management solution which provides the Procurement Card Administration Team with the ability to review card transactions online within 24 hours of the transaction being posted to the card account in the system.

In accordance with the sustainability agenda, hardcopy *Requisitioner statements* will not be provided. All *Requisitioner transactions* will be available electronically through Agresso System.

#### **3.5.2 Access to BSM**

Access to the system will be made available to Procurement, Audit and the Procurement Card Administration Team upon request.

#### **3.5.3 Disputed transactions and unsatisfactory goods and services**

Requisitioners may from time to time want to query a transaction on their statement. This can be for a number of reasons such as:

- The card statement lists an item that the Requisitioner does not recognise, and cannot be reconciled.

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- the incorrect amount has been charged [Section 3: Procurement Card Administration (3.5.5 below)]
- refunds not applied to the Lodged Procurement Card
- faulty or damaged goods supplied, refund requested
- goods/services not supplied
- Wrong goods/services supplied.

Barclaycard may need the Named Cardholder to complete a *Declaration form* or supply copies of correspondence with the supplier. Once they have receipt of this, the bank will perform a thorough investigation with the merchant(s) in question, and will endeavour to get the disputed amount credited back to the Lodged Procurement Card account.

**Note: Barclaycard only have limited time span to query transactions with the supplier. Therefore it is important that the Procurement Card Administration team advises Barclaycard of any queries within 30 days from the statement date.**

#### **3.5.4 Incorrect amount charged to card**

When an incorrect amount has been charged, the Cardholder must first approach the supplier to resolve the problem within 48 hours of the statement being made available in *Agresso*.

If the supplier insists on the transaction being genuine the Card Administrator must raise the issue with Barclaycard. If no explanation follows, the transaction should be treated as a disputed item [See Section 3 (3.5.3 above)].

#### **3.5.5 Goods charged but not received**

If the Card is charged for items that have not been received (goods/services), the Requisitioner should firstly contact the supplier to ensure that the goods have been delivered to the correct address. (It is a regulation set down by Visa that the transaction is not processed until the goods are allocated for dispatch.)

If the supplier insists that the goods have been delivered, treat the transaction as a disputed item.

The majority of the time these issues can be resolved by the Requisitioner contacting the supplier directly. If the Requisitioner is unable to resolve with the supplier they should contact **Barclaycard Customer Services**.

#### **3.5.6 Unsatisfactory goods or services**

The Requisitioner must raise any disputes relating to unsatisfactory goods immediately with the supplier. If they cannot come to a mutual agreement with the supplier, they should contact the Procurement Card Administration Team as soon as possible.

Any credit amount agreed with the supplier must be recorded.

**Note: contact the Procurement Card Administration Team immediately if a supplier insists on sending a cheque instead of applying credit to the Procurement Card for returned goods or failed service.**

### **3.6. Change of information**

#### **3.6.1 Changing Cardholder details, credit limits and cancelled cards**

Budget Holders should ensure that the Procurement Card Administration Team is notified of any change in their contact details, or those of their Cardholder Requisitioner(s) via email. Failure to do so increases the risk of fraudulent transactions being made on the Lodged Procurement Card and Budget Holders will be liable for any loss incurred in this instance.

#### **3.6.2 Change of Cardholder's name**

If a Cardholder changes their name, an email should be sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team. A new Procurement Card, with the same 16 digit card number, will be issued within **ten** working days.

#### **3.6.3 Amending credit limits**

The Budget Holder can request an adjustment to credit limits, but must assess its requirements for each card / transaction carefully in order to set the limits at an appropriate level. The limits should be high enough to enable the Requisitioner to make the purchases expected of them, whilst low enough to act as a control. To apply for a change to credit limits an email must be sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team.

Amending credit limits is time consuming. Careful planning should help to avoid having to do this unnecessarily.

#### **3.6.4 Cancelling cards**

The Budget Holder must email the Procurement Card Administration Team as soon as possible if the Card is to be cancelled.

The Procurement Card Administration Team will then notify the supplier and cancel the card via BSM.

#### **3.6.5 Long-term absence**

If a Requisitioner is on long-term absence, it is the Budget Holders responsibility to ensure the security of the card. They must:

- Email the Procurement Card Administration Team, requesting a temporary replacement for the requisitioner or that the monthly transaction limit of the lodged card is set to zero.
- When the Requisitioner returns to work, email request made for the original requisitioner to be reinstated or the credit limit to be reset.

If the card remains inactive for a period of six months and the Procurement Card Administration Team have not been advised of a long-term absence then the card is subject to cancellation

#### **3.6.6 Withdrawn cards**

Budget Holders must ensure the Lodged Cards no longer required for any reason are notified to the Procurement Card Administration Team in order for them to cancel the card.

### **3.7. Reporting and management controls**

#### **3.7.1 Reports for Directorate Finance Officers**

Transactions will be directed to Procurement Card Distributors for coding in Agresso when the monthly statement from BSM is loaded by the Procurement Card Administration Team. Once coded these transactions will be routed to the relevant Budget Holder for approval based on the workflow set up within Agresso.

Should the transactions not be coded within the defined period, they will be posted to the code supplied on the business case and a warning issued.

Warnings will consist of emails to the cardholder and budget holder identifying the issue, the action taken and advising if future returns are not submitted accurately the card will be withdrawn. Warnings will be limited to three after which time the card will be stopped.

Transaction will then be reported in the Monthly Budget Monitoring reports circulated to Budget Holders.

#### **3.7.2 Budget Holder management controls**

The Budget Holder must carry out their own local risk management checks and compliance controls. They must ensure:

- checking and endorsement of original documentation – receipts and delivery notes – recording any errors, omissions or non-compliance [Section 1: Policy (1.3 & 1.4)].
- Logging of all Requisitioners within the Service and their credit limits,
  - **Note: card numbers should not be recorded on this log.**

#### **3.7.3 Procurement Card Transparency Reporting**

Prior to the publication of Procurement Card data and at the end of the Procurement Card statement period the Payments Team will distribute to all managers Procurement Card transaction data to review spend relevant to their area of responsibility.

Individual transactions must be verified, and where necessary, redacted in accordance with FOI guidelines. Lines must also be provided to explain any transactions that may be likely to attract press attention. Service Areas will also be required to respond to any queries following publication of the transaction data.

### **3.8. What to do if a card is lost or stolen, or declined**

#### **3.8.1 What to do if a card is lost or stolen**

If your card has been lost or stolen, the Named Cardholder must notify Barclaycard immediately using the 24-hour customer service line.

Barclaycard will cancel the card, ensuring that no further transactions can be made. They will then make the necessary arrangements for a new card to be issued to the Named Cardholder via the Procurement Card Scheme Administrator.

Note: the bank will cancel the card and arrange to issue a replacement, with a different 16-digit number.

All new cards and PINS will be sent to the Procurement Card Administration Team's business address. Named Cardholders will need to arrange to collect cards from their Procurement Card Scheme Administrator.

When Named Cardholders collect their new card, they must complete an *Acknowledgement of card and PIN receipt form* [Section 3: Procurement Card Administration (3.2.2)].

#### **3.8.2 What to do if a card gets damaged**

Named Cardholders should inform the Procurement Card Administration Team if their card gets damaged. The Procurement Card Administration Team will then order a replacement card.

The new card will have the same 16-digit number.

The Named Cardholder should cut the damaged card through the magnetic stripe and the part of the card containing the chip and dispose of it in confidential waste.

#### **3.8.3 What to do if a Procurement Card is declined?**

If a Procurement Card or transaction is declined requisitioners must:

- first check with the supplier that all the details they have are correct
- ensure there is sufficient credit on the Lodged Procurement Card; if not, seek authority from their Budget Holder to initiate an amendment [Section 1: Policy (1.2.3)]
- Check they are not making purchases listed in the *Procurement Card Prohibited purchases list* [Section 1: Policy (1.2.7)].

If the Card has sufficient credit, and the supplier has all correct details, they need to refer the problem to the Procurement Card Administration Team. Their Budget Holder also should be made aware of the issue.

### 3.9. Procurement Card forms and service levels

#### 3.9.1 Table of forms

This table lists all Procurement Card forms, how they should be sent, and the process turn around times.

Form	To be Held by...	Method of delivery	Procurement Card Administration Team (PAT)	Barclay Card Customer Service Team
Account opening mandate	Administration Team	Email	Up to two working days	Up to ten working days
Procurement Card application form	Administration Team	Email	Up to two working days	Up to ten working days
Acknowledgement of card and PIN receipt form	Administration Team	N/A	N/A	N/A

All forms are managed by the Procurement Card Scheme Team.



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### Who is who?

- Lodged Card Supplier= Card details provided upfront to a specific supplier, to charge future orders placed by approved requisitioners.
- Requisitioner = Officer placing the order with the supplier
- Purchase Card Distributor = Officer logging into Agresso to code the Purchase Card Transactions
- Budget Holder = Officer who approves spend against budget
- Purchase Card Administration Team = Team to contact for any queries/ issues relating to Purchase Cards

Note: an officer may undertake one or more roles listed above (excluding the Purchase Card Administration Team), however there must be a segregation of duties built into the process.

### Budget Holders

You are responsible for Procurement Card transactions in terms of:

- Ensuring their validity
- Ensuring they are appropriately recorded
- Ensuring deadlines are adhered to.

### Important dates:

- 15<sup>th</sup> of each month – Transaction Loaded into Agresso
- 25<sup>th</sup> of each month – All transactions to be coded
- 29<sup>th</sup> of each month – All transactions to be approved

### Three Strikes and you are OUT

#### Know your business case.

This identifies how and where you can make purchases.

The limit on your transactions.

The officers responsible for undertaking specific roles

#### Keep your details safe.

Would you share your personal card details? (Hopefully not).

Don't Share your Procurement Card details (This includes any log on details or passwords to place orders with specific suppliers).

You could end up losing your job or going to prison for someone else's actions.

**Misuse of the Procurement Card can lead to withdrawal of the card and may result in disciplinary action and / or criminal Proceedings.**

**Read the Procurement Card Policy**

# Think

- Purchases need to be value for money
- Deliveries need to be to an MCC official address
- Be safe online – check out <https://www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/>
- Know your business case – ensure transactions are in-line with what has been identified in the business case.
- Use MCC contracted suppliers whenever possible – check out <http://corphub/initiatives/procurement/sitepages/home.aspx>
- Any changes or queries need to go straight to the Purchase Card Administration Team. [Creditors@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:Creditors@monmouthshire.gov.uk)
- Notify the Procurement Card Administration Team if you change posts or leave the authority. Ensure you shut down any accounts with the supplier so that others cannot use your access.

# The Don'ts:

- Purchase Capital Equipment
- Share your log on details / passwords with anyone else.
- Be careful not to pass invoices to be processed via Creditor Payments which have already been paid on the Purchase Card – this could be a particular issue upon changeover from one payment method to the other.