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# National PPE

## 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview – Where are we?
- Timelines
- How will we deliver?
- Technical
- Commercial
- Next steps



# Introductions

- Project Sponsor - ACFO Steve Topham
- Project Lead - Brett Egan-Briers
- Technical Lead - Brett Egan-Briers
- Commercial Lead - Sarah Walsh
- Chief Sponsor - ?



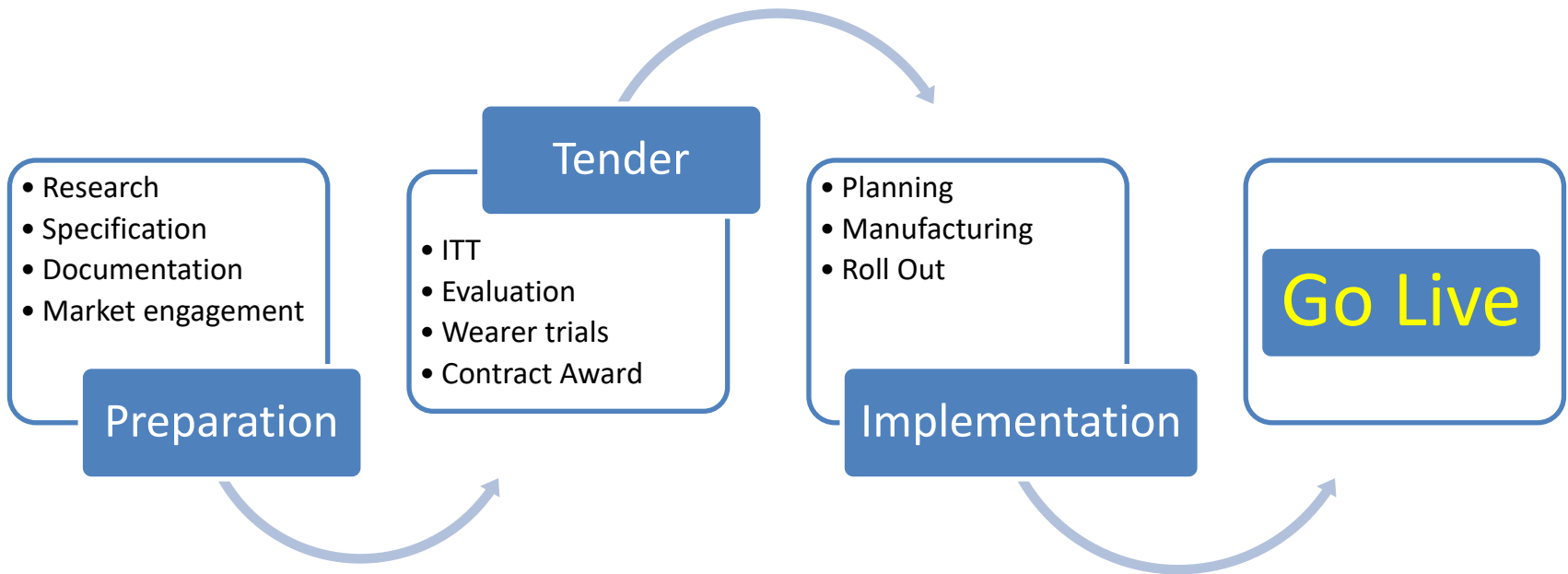
# National PPE - Where are we?

- Collaborative PPE Contracts start to expire end 2025
- Central PPE and Clothing Contracts (CPCC) expire end 2025
- 38 Fire and Rescue Services are involved in both
- Delay in DSTL research means we need to have a compliant route to market available for these services to access



# Timeline

May 25 – Dec 25



Now – May 25

Dec 25 – Oct 26



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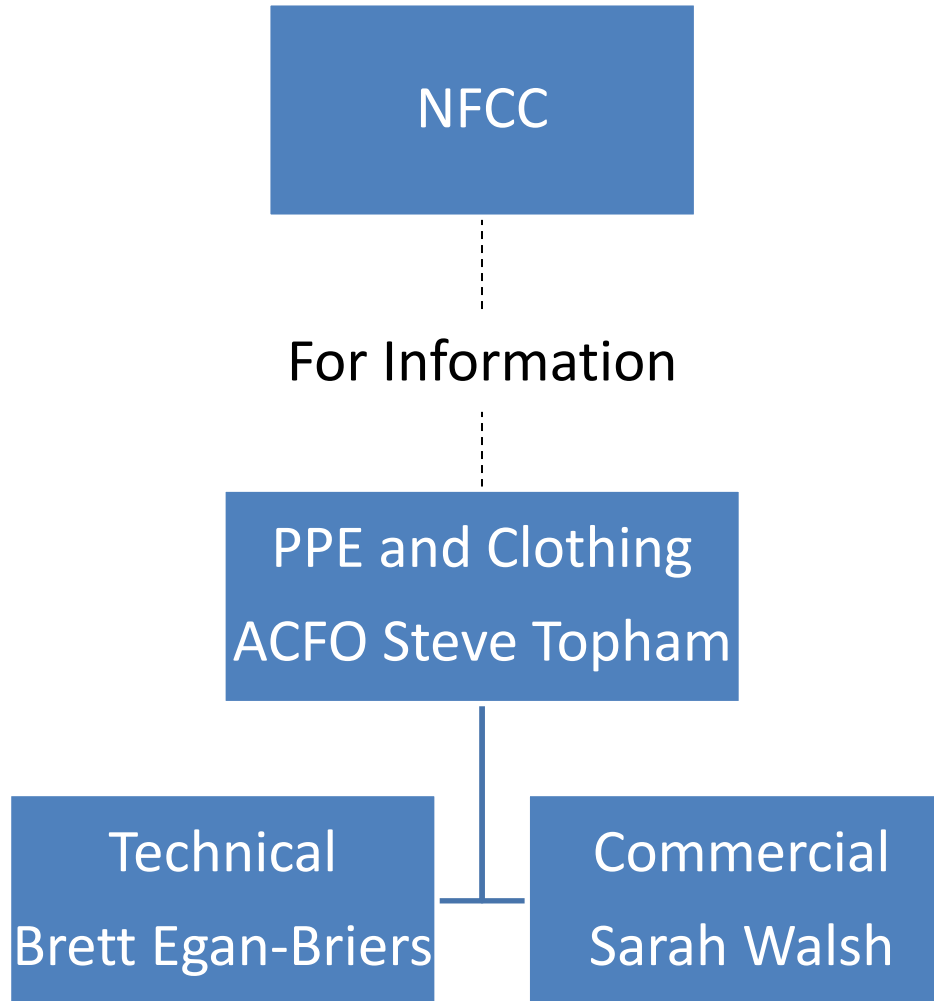
# What's happened so far

## National PPE Project – Agreed by NFCC Council (29/11)

- Agree to the commencement of a national PPE project that incorporates clothing worn beneath the PPE or integral to the level of protection required.
- Agree that NFCC PPE and Clothing Committee coordinates this activity with ACFO Steve Topham as project sponsor, Brett Egan-Briers (NFCC & KFRS) as project manager and technical lead and Sarah Walsh (KFRS) as commercial lead.
- Agree the deployment of NFCC funding to undertake research, previously being delivered through DSTL.
- Agree the principle of the proposed funding solution to cover the budget requirement for both the additional legal and financial arrangements.



# Governance





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Technical





# Challenges (non-exhaustive)

- Changing role
- Changing operational environments (?)
- Contaminants/cleaning
- Inter/Intra operability
- User feedback – “too hot”, “cumbersome” etc.
- Inclusivity – Recruit/retain (public perception)
- Sustainability (circularity)
- Collaboration/economies
- National identity
- Workwear / Baselayer (protection required)



# Research

- DSTL Phase 1 Report – Will be available via NFCC PPE and Clothing website
- Available materials and innovations
- Contaminants
- Cleaning/ decontaminating
- Ergonomics
- LEAP – Wearer evaluations



# Technical

Options	FR/ base layer	Technical/ Wildland	Structural	Resultant standard
<b>Layering Options</b>				
1	✓	✓	✓	EN 469 +
2	✓		✓	EN 469 +
3		✓	✓	EN 469 +
<b>Stand Alone Options</b>				
4			✓	EN 469 +
5		Jacket	✓	EN 469 +
6		✓	✓	EN 469 +





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Commercial



# Commercial Update - New Regulations!

- Go live for Procurement Act 2023 in October 2024 may be delayed
- National Fire Fighting PPE will be looking to use the new regulations
- The aim is to make procurement simple and more flexible with transparency throughout the lifecycle enabling scrutiny of tax payers money whilst encouraging new entrants and SME's
- Knowledge drops were made available last week

## For Suppliers

- [Official Knowledge Drop 1 - Suppliers](#)
- [Official Knowledge Drop 2 - Suppliers](#)
- [Official Knowledge Drop 3 – Suppliers](#)

## For SME's/ VCSE

- [Official Knowledge Drop 1 - SME/VCSE](#)
- [Official Knowledge Drop 2 - SME/VCSE](#)
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# Commercial Update

Benefits for suppliers;

- Access to commercial pipelines
- Making the process simpler
- Notices and searchable opportunities
- Reducing time and resources costs on bidding through tell us once
- New more flexible procedures such as competitive flexible procedure
- Feedback post decision
- Procurement Referral Unit to report Authorities



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# Commercial Update

## Benefits for Authorities

Moves away from Most Economic Advantageous Tender (MEAT) to Most Advantageous Tender (MAT)

- Allows for Past Performance to be included
- Ensures Social Value is made a priority
- Allows for flexibility and transparency throughout to provide innovation
- Procurement Referral Unit to report suppliers
- Similar to MSAT Tool one digital platform to allow for Supplier Registration



# Resource Information

[Modern Slavery Assessment Tool - Supplier Registration Service \(cabinetoffice.gov.uk\)](https://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/modern-slavery-assessment-tool)

[Social Value Act: information and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/social-value-act)

[Transforming Public Procurement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/public-procurement)



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# Next Steps

Survey deadline

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Updates via [NFCC Programme - Home Page \(nfcc-procurementhub.org.uk\)](https://nfcc-procurementhub.org.uk)



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