



July 2023

PSP 3 & 4 – a reminder

As you will have seen on the website the successful suppliers for our new Professional Services Partnership Framework (PSP 4) are as follows:

Lot 1 (Consultancy Services) - Amey OW Ltd, AECOM Ltd and WSP Ltd.

Amey were ranked top overall, as well as for price and for regions 1 & 2.

Aecom were ranked top for quality and for regions 3 & 4.

See the [Regional MHA+ map](#) for details

Mini-competition will include all three suppliers: Amey, Aecom and WSP.

Lot 2 (Temporary and Seconded Professional Staff) - Waterman Aspen and Matchtech Group UK Ltd.

Waterman Aspen was successful overall, as well as top for quality.

Matchtech was top for price.

Mini-competition will include both suppliers: Waterman Aspen and Matchtech.

Contracts Finder has been updated for the extended end date of the Professional Services partnership 3 (PSP3), which expires on **27 August 2023**, with the new PSP 4 framework due to commence on **28 August 2023**.

You can also [download](#) the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on using PSP 3 between now and 27 August. You are advised to take a moment to read the advice so that you can plan your work accordingly, particularly where internal approvals are needed to enter into a contract under the framework.

PSP 4 has additional supplier selection options and improved performance management to earlier frameworks so please get involved during the mobilisation period to ensure that you are aware of the changes and able to take full advantage of the new framework at the end of August.

The [Professional Services web pages](#) will be updated as information becomes available.

Contact [Karen Notman](#) or [Julia May](#).

Booking now open for the 2023 annual event



This year's event will see the launch of PSP 4 and continue the 'value-added' theme from 2022 alongside the issue of skills and recruitment.

With a range of breakout sessions and an opportunity to network and meet with our framework suppliers - make sure you [book your free place](#) today!

Publications now available

The [2023/26 MHA+ Business Plan](#) identifies our aims and objectives for the coming years.

The [LGA modern slavery assurance guidance](#) relating to construction procurement and modern slavery due diligence authored for the Rights Lab by Helen Carter, Lead Consultant at Action Sustainability is now available to download. Update your knowledge on Modern Slavery and Trafficking with our learning module available on the [MHA+ LMS](#)

Service Improvement Group (SIG) Update April – June 2023

Our latest [SIG meeting update](#) provides more details of the seven SIG meetings held since April. Agendas, minutes and presentation slides from all SIG meetings are available on the [MHA Plus SIG members website](#).

Details of all upcoming Service Improvement Group meetings are available on the [MHA+ Calendar](#) and further information on each service improvement group is available from [Alice Russell](#).

Carbon Steering Group (CSG) update and look ahead

The CSG continues to provide a focus for all things pertaining to Carbon Reduction and Net Zero for MHA+. So, what is going on in the CSG, below are some of the items covered at the last meeting and topics coming up at the future meeting:

- **The National Highways & Transport Network (NHT)** – are liaising with the CSG membership over their development of a carbon tool to assess the 'Value of Carbon' in Highways for Local Highway Authorities. They provided an update on progress so far including the development of a forecasting tool.
- **Carbon and Transport Business cases** – Atkins provided an interesting presentation on Carbon and Transport Business cases, in particular detailing the key processes and benefits in terms of potential for carbon reduction, whole life cycle carbon impacts, shifts in DfT guidance and links with Active Travel and shared transport approaches.

- **Active Travel** – A range of topics were covered in relation to the active travel agenda. Group members discussed the challenges and successes in developing active travel projects and the potential for pooling resources and further sharing of projects and experiences between authorities.
- **Local Authority Development Design Guides** – Andy Jackson from Leicestershire County Council (LCC) shared his work on the review of the LCC Design Guide, part of which focusses on carbon reduction and the potential for use of more sustainable materials, local sourcing and green infrastructure.
- **Devon County Council Carbon Measurement** – Victoria Walsh will be attending the next meeting in October to provide an update on Devon’s ground-breaking approach to measuring carbon in relation to all things Highways.

The [May CSG bulletin](#) was sent out to all MHA+ members and other interested parties. Previous issues of the CSG bulletin are available on the [website](#).

If you want more information about the group, please contact [Ian Bamforth](#).

Login reminder for the Learning Management System (LMS)

In November 2022, all registered learners should have received a welcome email (from Virtual College) with login information for the new MHA+ LMS.

We will be sending out a reminder to members who have not used their new login yet, so that people will be able to book onto the 2023 MHA+ Annual Event when it opens later this month.

Check your SPAM if you have not received any notification. If you are new to the MHA+ find out more about the LMS [here](#).

We would also like to reminder members that **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training for both Managers and Employees** is available on the [LMS](#)

Introducing Kay – our new MHA+ team member

Hello, I am Kay Smith.

I am delighted to be working with the MHA+ Team, supporting all our members.

Primarily I will be supporting Karen Notman with the Executive & Programme Boards and PSP 4. I will also be working with Ian Bamforth supporting the thematic groups (Carbon Steering, Digital Working, Social Value and Editorial).



I am currently keeping busy supporting the work associated with the Annual Event – so I hope you all have 20 September 2023 reserved in your calendar.

I have had a varied career since first joining Leicestershire County Council in the 1970s in their payroll team. After 10 years in Local Government, I moved out into in the private

sector taking on senior HR positions and have benefitted from working in FTSE 100 Companies and smaller businesses including Gap, Boots, Nampak, Caterpillar UK Ltd, UL International, (a market leader in product safety certification), and BGL better known for the Meerkats branding, promoting Insurance through Compare the Market.com.

During an unexpected career break to care for my late husband and parents I volunteered with my local primary school creating a children's gardening club which won a national award. I currently serve as the safeguarding officer for my local church and hold office on the Parochial Church Council.

In 2019 I returned to the workplace joining Leicestershire County Council's Business Support Team, working with 300 schools across Leicestershire.

Please contact me via email: kay.a.smith@leics.gov.uk or call 0116 305 6919 regarding any MHA+ related topic and I will always do my best to guide you to the right information.

Congratulations!

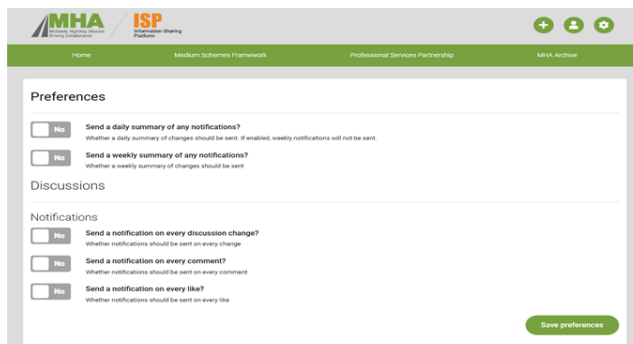
Here is a snapshot of some of our members and suppliers' recent awards:

[LGC Awards 2023](#) - Barnsley MBC named as the LGC Council of the Year 2023 and Birmingham City Council as winners of the Best Public/Private Partnership for the Host City Partnership for the Commonwealth Games.

[Constructing East Midlands Awards 2023](#) - Balfour Beatty and Nottinghamshire County Council won the Civils Project of the Year for Colliery Way. Colliery Way was also one of the two Merits awarded in the Large Project category at the 2023 EMMAs

[2023 EMMAs](#) – As well as the success of Colliery Way in the Large Project category, the Leicester City, Balfour Beatty and AECOM Putney Road Improvement Project was commended in the Medium Project category.

Getting the latest information from your 'tags' on the ISP



You can set up ISP preferences and notifications to receive the latest updates for any ISP tags you follow.

Make sure you opt to **follow**.

Click on your profile icon and choose '**my preferences**' – on this screen choose your options.

Save your preferences – and you will be updated.

A gentle reminder!



Annual Membership Fee 2023/24

The subscription rate (2023/24) for all members (£3,750) is now due.

Please email your purchase order to

Julia.brown@leics.gov.uk

Once a purchase order number has been received an invoice will be sent for payment.
N.B Please be aware if a PO number is not received by September this may inhibit your authorities MHA+ benefits.

The [MHA+ Calendar](#) on the website has been recently updated. Dates that have events taking place now have a green background, event details appear as you hover over the date. You may need to do a hard refresh (by pressing ctrl and F5) the first time you log back on.

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