

This Mind Map sets out the elements of a 'one council' commissioning framework that could be published in place of the council's corporate procurement strategy.

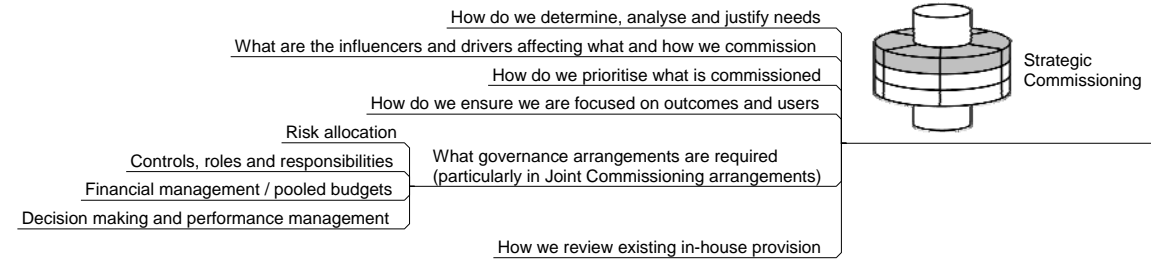
The differences and similarities between commissioning and procurement are open to debate, but for the sake of clarity, the phrases 'commissioning' and 'procurement' will be defined in the proposed framework.

The phrases 'purchasing', 'tendering' and 'contracting' have been avoided in this mind map. They are just a few, amongst many, ways of commissioning goods, works or services to meet needs.

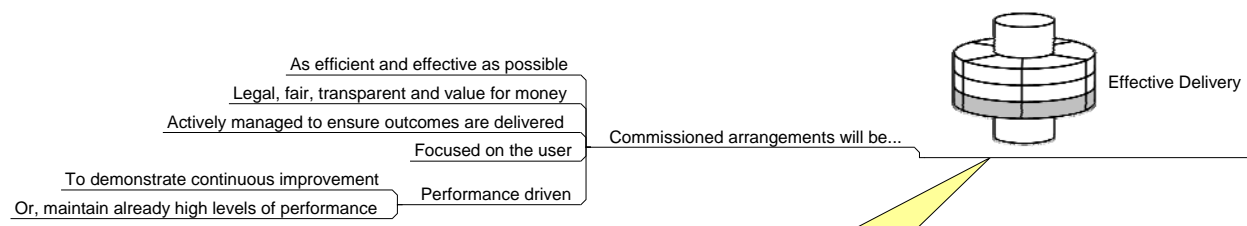
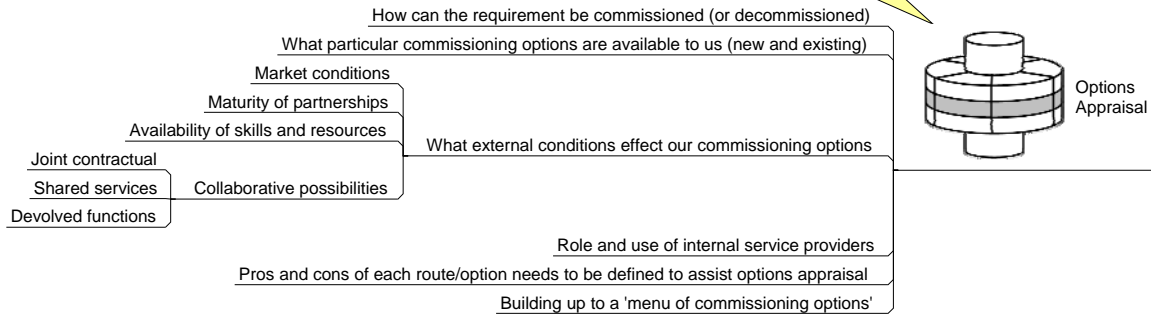
Irrespective of the 'category of commissioning', there will be a number of crosscutting concepts which will apply at three levels (strategic, tactical and operational).

One Council Commissioning Objectives will run through the whole Framework and will be common to all categories of commissioning.

The first level of the commissioning framework is aimed at strategic management

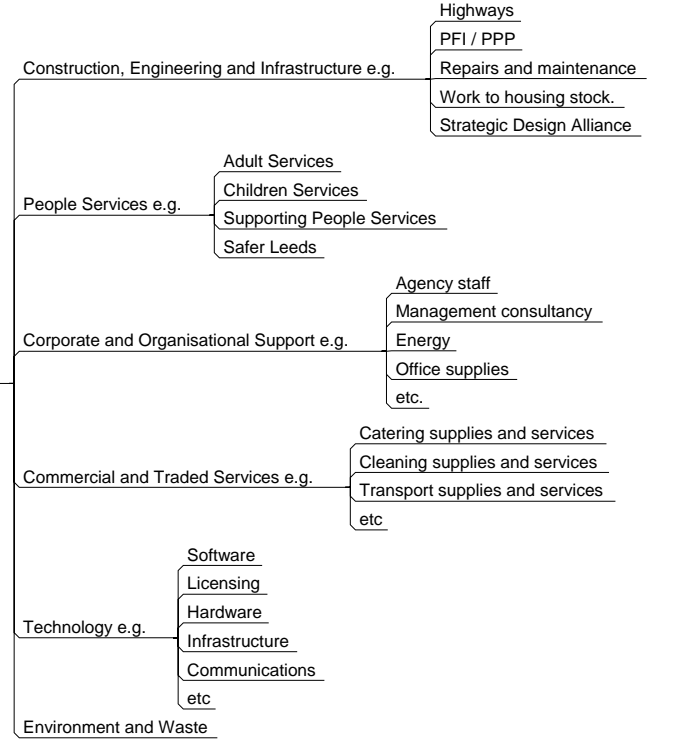
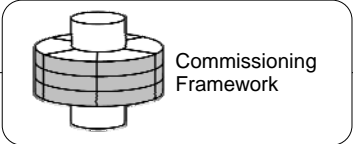
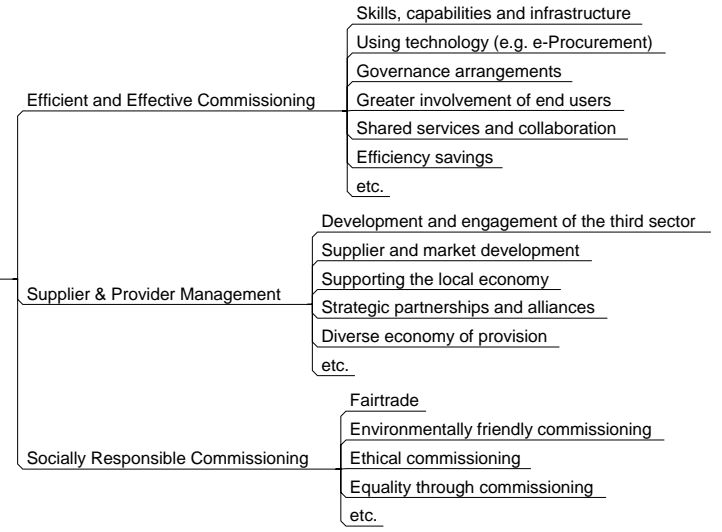
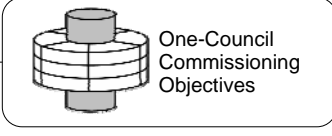


The second level of the commissioning framework is aimed at delivery options



The third level of the commissioning framework is aimed at operational delivery. Operational delivery is NOT restricted to purchasing, tendering and contracts. It will include any commissioning route e.g. Shared services, devolved functions, grant funding arrangements, strategic partnerships with other public bodies, etc.

Elements of a 'One Council' Commissioning Framework



The commissioning strategy will adopt a 'category management' approach in recognition of the very different approaches required (and challenges faced) when commissioning the full range of council goods, works and services. It is proposed that a 'categories of commissioning' approach be preferred over a 'directorates' approach to reinforce the one-council ethos.