

## LOCAL AUTHORITY SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME INTERNAL AUDIT

### Non-involvement with serious and organised crime statement

LA procurement and legal teams may want to consider the inclusion of the statement below in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ EU) notice and the Invitation to Tender (ITT) for procurements in areas considered to be at risk from serious and organised crime in their local area.

#### OJEU Notice text (Insert at paragraph VI.3 of the OJEU Notice)

*“The Contracting Authority has identified that the scope of this procurement falls within a business sector which may be attractive to infiltration by organised crime groups. The Contracting Authority therefore reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks / requirements at both the selection and award stages of the procurement.”*

#### ITT Text

*“The Contracting Authority has identified that the scope of this procurement falls within a business sector which may be attractive to infiltration by organised crime groups. The Contracting Authority therefore reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks / requirements at both the selection and award stages of the procurement. This may include, but not be limited to, verification that a supplier, or any person with powers of representation, decision or control therein, has not infringed the mandatory grounds for exclusion set out in Regulation 57 (1) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.”*

The contracting authority would carry out the evaluation of tenders in the usual manner, but the procurement team would also aim to verify that the prospective winning supplier has provided truthful responses to the SQ questions in respect of the mandatory exclusion grounds, in particular in relation to serious and organised crime involvement (working closely with the Fraud Investigation team and with local police).