

Prompt Payments to Supplier

Summary of Public Contracts Regulation

From 26th February 2015 Public Sector bodies are required to account for payments to suppliers within 30 days where invoices are valid and undisputed, and to publish their performance at the end of each financial year from April 2016.

Payment Performance

Under Regulation 113 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, every financial year, each contracting authority shall publish on the internet statistics showing, for the preceding financial year, how far the contracting authority has actually complied with its obligations under this regulation to make payments within 30 days, including:

- a) the proportion of invoices that were paid in accordance with those obligations, expressed as a percentage of the total number of invoices that were, or should have been, paid in accordance with those obligations;
- b) the total amount of any liability (whether statutory or otherwise) to pay interest which accrued by virtue of circumstances amounting to a breach of those obligations; and
- c) the total amount of interest actually paid in discharge of any such liability (including any which had accrued before the beginning of the period to which the statistics relate).

The performance for the London Borough of Sutton is as follows:

Financial Year	Percentage of invoices paid within 30 days	Interest (£'s) actually paid	Interest (£'s) * potentially liable to pay
2016/17	96.5%	£59.08	£77,069.11
2017/18	96.3%	£6,859.67	£56,246.29
2018/19	96.2%	£60.22	£93,892.32

* **Please note:** for the purpose of this exercise we are unable to differentiate invoices that may have been in dispute.