Case Study NEP0505 Payment Card Services



Introduction to Payment Card Services

NEPO has been in existence for nearly 50 years and has had collaboration coursing through its DNA right from its inception. We collaborate with our 12 governing member authorities, with our supply chain and with counterparts at other public buying organisations such as ESPO and YPO.

The solution was procured in partnership with ESPO and YPO, with NEPO leading the collaborative process. The result is a procurement solution that is informed by public sector insight and focused on the needs of the members and associates we serve. The corporate payments lot is a multi-supplier lot for the provision and maintenance of commercial procurement cards.

NEPO505is available for use by UK public sector organisations and can be accessed by undertaking a further competition or by direct award.



Benefits

Commercial procurement cards promote faster payments to support and maintain cash flow to suppliers while adhering to government legislation to tackle late payments.





Payment automation

Cards can be embedded centrally to allow for initial payment automation.



More efficient

Cards offer a faster and more effective payment mechanism than traditional methods

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Tailored information

Enhanced reporting and management information can be tailored to meet your needs.

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Meet legislation

The cards adhere to government legislation to tackle late payments.



Improved control over spend

Improved control over spend through merchant category blocking and spend limits.

VAT	
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Full VAT information

Online information includes full VAT line-item transaction information.



Improve payment security

Embedded cards Improve payment security and efficiencies.



Free up resources

Cards eliminate the creation of purchase orders and invoice processing therefore freeing up resources.



Multiple methods

Cards can be used contactless, online and via phone.

Case Study: Sunderland City Council





Commercial procurement cards are one of various payment methods used by Sunderland City Council where a payment card can be used with suppliers to pay for goods and services.

They operate in a similar way to a credit card and provide contracting authorities with an electronic method to purchase goods or services. When card purchases are made, a payment is sent from Sunderland's card provider to the supplier, which is reconciled on a given date, known as a settlement date and is generally paid as one consolidated payment.

What Sunderland City Council uses

Sunderland City Council has several physical cards which have been assigned to specific card holders within the council as well as embedded cards to pay for goods and services.

Embedded cards are different from physical cards in that a card number has been assigned to a specific supplier. These cards can be set up with frequently used, pre-agreed, named suppliers of low value transactions, enabling approved card users to make purchases without a physical card or entering card details for each purchase.

How they use the cards

Sunderland primarily use these cards for high volume invoice transaction activity areas of spend with frequently used suppliers to simplify and streamline the P2P process.

Testimonials



We have been really impressed with the Payment Card Services solution since we began using it in April 2023. We have been able to achieve our goal of streamlining our P2P process.

We are able to issue cards to approved users within the council and have benefited from the payment automation of the embedded cards solution which has allowed us to improve control over spend with our frequently used suppliers and enhance automation and P2P efficiencies whilst also ensuring a secure, fast and effective payment method.

As the solution was developed by the public sector, for the public sector it meets our needs perfectly. The programme gives us access to one of the UK's leading suppliers to the public sector and as it was procured in collaboration with our regional member authorities, ESPO and YPO, which has provided a fully compliant route to market which meets all of our

needs.

Anthony Clark

eProcurement and Market Intelligence Manager, Sunderland City Council NEPO Member and Associate Authorities are now realising the benefits of the NEPO505
Payment Card Services solution. This is the first iteration of the solution to include a lot for
Corporate Payments and we anticipate continued growth throughout its term.

Our partnership and collaboration with ESPO and YPO has allowed us to gain an influence in a competitive industry whilst offering a diverse range of financial services to the public sector.

> Nick McDonald Procurement Specialist, NEPO



Find out more



Collaboration is at the heart of everything that NEPO does

Our procurement solutions are the result of consultation with the public sector, suppliers and end users, so that we deliver positive outcomes for the communities we serve. Our portfolio of over 80 solutions is available for use by any public sector body across the UK via our free associate membership scheme.



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NEPO's financial services solutions have been developed to deliver value, offer flexibility and drive innovation.

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