



A Kuala Lumpur City Hall advisory board member allegedly bypassed open tender procedures to secure RM4 million in procurement contracts through direct negotiation. NSTP FILE PIC

C4 Centre calls for thorough, transparent probe

KUALA LUMPUR: The Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4 Centre) has called for a comprehensive and transparent investigation into allegations of irregular procurement practices at Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

In response to a probe led by Mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif, C4 Centre founder Cynthia Gabriel urged City Hall to take steps to ensure accountability and prevent corruption.

“We urge City Hall to ensure a comprehensive and transparent investigation into these allegations. If there are suspicions of corruption or abuse of power, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission must be notified to carry out a more scaled-up investigation,” she said.

She also called for the immediate introduction of clear conflict-of-interest policies and a strict code of conduct for City Hall’s board members to prevent favouritism and biased decision-making in contract awards.

“A clear policy is essential to ensure no individual or entity abuses their position for personal

or financial gain.

“C4 Centre has proposed the development of a public procurement circular that would increase transparency and hold all parties accountable for the use of public funds.”

Cynthia also called on federal authorities to expedite the enactment of the Public Procurement Act to safeguard the procurement process from abuse by civil servants, consultants and those in positions of power.

“I hope the mayor’s strong international reputation and confidence will enable her to uphold the highest standards of governance to revamp City Hall.

“We believe Maimunah can bring positive change and shield City Hall from further fraud and corruption.”

The allegations, which surfaced in an official complaint by City Hall staff that has since gone viral, involve a member of the advisory board who allegedly bypassed open tender procedures to secure RM4 million in procurement contracts through direct negotiation.