Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting: 23 July 2024

Title of Report: **Procurement Strategy**

Lead Member: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative

Development, and Communities)

Lead Strategic Director: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)

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Your Reference: HG/PS/736/CP/0724

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To seek approval of a new organisational Procurement Strategy for the period 2024-2026.

The strategy incorporates current national and local priorities as well as taking account of known upcoming government legislative and policy changes.

The strategy is structured into three parts:

- I- The Council's chosen strategic procurement framework- category management,
- 2- The Council's nine strategic procurement themes to delivered within this framework,
- 3- The five key enablers to the successful delivery of the strategy.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. To approve the proposed Procurement Strategy for 2024-2026 Reason: To formally document the Council's priorities in relation to Procurement and to deliver against the recommendation made by the Council's financial auditors

Alternative options considered and rejected

The option not to produce a Procurement strategy is rejected on the grounds it would be contrary to good practice and would in effect be a rejection of the financial auditor's recommendation.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

An organisational procurement strategy ensures that the Council's priorities as set out in the Plymouth Plan and Corporate Plan are formally recognised within the Council's approach to procurement. The strategy also sets organisational expectations in relation to the delivery of these priorities including measures of success.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The strategy highlights the importance of the Council securing value for money through its contracts with external suppliers as well as seeking commercial opportunity, both of which have a positive impact of the Council's MTFP.

The importance of compliance is also highlighted which seeks to mitigate financial risks related to non-compliant procurement activity such as fines and damages.

Financial Risks

None as a result of this report

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None as a result of this report but it is noted that addressing the 'Climate Emergency' is one of the strategic themes identified in the strategy.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None as a result of this report but it is noted that the strategic themes identified in the strategy cover a range of related areas such as 'Equality and Diversity', 'Modern Slavery' and 'Social Value'

Appendices

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Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Liz Bryant- Monitoring Officer

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 12/07/2024

Cabinet Member approval: Approved verbally by Councillor Chris Penberthy

Date approved: 12/07/2024