# **Audit and Governance Committee**



Date of meeting: 14 January 2025

Title of Report: Procurement Act Readiness Action Plan

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

Development, and Communities)

Lead Strategic Director: Liz Bryant (Monitoring Officer)

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Your Reference: HG/PS/763/CP/1224

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

# **Purpose of Report**

To provide a progress update on Plymouth City Council's readiness for the launch of the UK's new Procurement regime as laid down in the Procurement Act 2023 which is due to go live on 24 February 2025.

### **Recommendations and Reasons**

I. To note the progress made on the delivery of the Council's Procurement Act Readiness Action Plan

Reason: To provide formal acknowledgement that the Council is on track to comply with the requirements of the new Procurement Regime

## Alternative options considered and rejected

The option not to deliver a Procurement Act Readiness Action Plan is rejected on the grounds the Council has a legal obligation to comply with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 due to go live on the 24 February 2025.

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The requirements of the new Act align to many of the Council and City aspirations as set out in the Plymouth Plan and Corporate Plan, for example, maximising public benefit and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.

# Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Council must have regard to the importance of delivering value for money as its number one objective when running procurements under the new Regime.

The importance of financial transparency is also emphasised within the new regime which will induce robust financial control behaviours.

Significant procurement professional resource is being invested in this Action Plan to ensure the Council is ready for the new regime which may impact the delivery of procurements in the next few months.

The use of specialist software will need to be explored as a mechanism for ensuring compliance with statutory notice requirements.

#### **Financial Risks**

None as a result of this report.

# Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None as a result of this report.

# 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.

# **Appendices**

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| Α    | Briefing Note                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| В    | Procurement Readiness Action Plan |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
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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: 19/12/2024

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Co-operative

Development, and Communities) approved verbally

Date approved: 06/01/2025