

# Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	22 July 2025
Title of Report:	<b>Procurement Strategy Report 2024/25</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Ian Trisk-Grove (Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	HG/PS/790/CR/0725
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

To present the progress the Council has made in delivering its Procurement Strategy 2024-2026 in the last 12 months and set out key actions for the next 12 months.

## Recommendations and Reasons

1. To note the progress made to date and endorse the planned actions  
*Reason: To formally recognise the Council's significant progress made against its Procurement Strategy in the first year of delivery and give officers a mandate to pursue the proposed actions for year two*

## Alternative options considered and rejected

The option to stop delivery of the Procurement Strategy has been rejected on the grounds it would result in a breach of statutory duty with the Procurement Act 2023; would be contrary to good practice and would in effect be a rejection of the financial auditor's recommendations.

## 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. Reporting progress against this strategy is reporting progress against the Corporate and Plymouth Plan.

## 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.

Data related to value for money and non-compliance are contained within the report as well as the actions being taken to mitigate these risks.

Financial Risks

None as a result of this report.

Legal Implications

(Provided by Liz Bryant/LB)

None as a result of this report but it is noted that ‘Compliance’ is one of the strategic themes identified in the strategy and there are processes identified for monitoring compliance.

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 and all Procurement-related actions within the Council’s Net Zero Action Plan have been delivered.

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’. All actions within these area have been progressed and are being actively managed.

Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

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Background papers:

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

*Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.*

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ian Trisk-Grove											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 08/07/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy <i>approved verbally</i> Date approved: 14/07/2025											