

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	10 March 2026
Title of Report:	Procurement Strategy 2024-2026 Year 2 Progress Report
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Si Bellamy (Chief Operating Officer)
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Your Reference:	HG/PS/820/ED/0226
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To present the mid-year progress the Council has made in delivering year two of its Procurement Strategy 2024-2026

Recommendations and Reasons

1. To note the progress made to date.

Reason: To formally recognise the Council's progress made against its Procurement Strategy in the first six months of year two delivery

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.

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Northey

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

Date agreed: 20/02/2026

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy *approved verbally*

Date approved: 12/02/2026