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SUBJECT:	Housing Procurement Strategy	REF:	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	HCS01

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek approval from Members for the Housing Procurement Strategy.

2. Purpose of report

- 2.1 To inform members of the strategic importance of the Housing Procurement Strategy both in terms of its impact on Housing Services and the wider corporate body. The document is supplementary to the Corporate Procurement Strategy and reflects the fact that Housing Services accounts for the largest discretionary spend within the Council i.e. resources not fixed and committed to ongoing service delivery.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy sets out the framework by which all services will procure goods, works and services. The Corporate strategy identifies that it is the responsibility of the Housing Service to spend its funds wisely in order to maintain and improve Council homes. Attached as appendix 1 is the Procurement Strategy for Housing which recognises the unique position that the Service has within the Council in relation to procurement matters.
- 3.2 The Housing Procurement Strategy (HPS) has links to a number of other strategies within the Service and the wider Council including the Corporate Procurement Strategy, the Housing Improvement Programme, the Housing Strategy, the HRA Business Plan and, in particular, the Housing Asset Management Strategy.
- 3.3 The Housing Procurement Strategy is essentially a tool to ensure the Housing Service obtains goods, works and services in accordance with recognised good practice. The core of the HPS is to ensure value for money is achieved in accordance with the best value principles and in line with the key objectives of the Housing Asset Management Strategy.

- 3.4 The HPS is also central to ensuring probity and transparency within the procurement process whilst maintaining value for money and providing for consistently high quality products and services to our customers.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 As with the Housing AMS the Housing Procurement Strategy does not have any direct financial implications. The HPS does however regulate the way in which the Housing Service procures goods, works and services and therefore will ensure that the Council makes best use of its HRA and MRA budgetary resources.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The HPS is directly linked with the Corporate Procurement Strategy and therefore ensures that goods, works and services are obtained in a consistent and auditable fashion, in line with both key corporate objectives and in accordance with the Housing AMS.

6. Community Implications

- 6.1 The overall aim is to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of our services ensuring effective management of our assets for the benefit of the tenants of SDDC.

7. TACT View

- 7.1 TACT members have been consulted on the implications and benefits of the Housing Procurement Strategy and look forward to greater involvement in this aspect of the service.