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SUBJECT:	PROCUREMENT STRATEGY AND FRAMEWORK 2016 TO 2020	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM 13

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the proposed Procurement Strategy and Framework for 2016 to 2020 is approved.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To review the Council's Procurement Strategy in order to reflect the Council's existing framework, best practice and to incorporate updated regulations.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Council's previous Procurement Strategy was approved in 2011. Since that date, the Procurement Unit has been centralised, best practice adopted and the general approach to procurement has been strengthened. In addition, the Public Contract Regulations of 2006, which govern procurement in local government, have recently been updated.
- 3.2 The Council's framework is now well-established and this is reflected in the updated document. The framework is supported by a Guidance and Procedures Manual which details the procedures and guidelines for Council officers when undertaking procurement on behalf of the Council.
- 3.3 The Strategy and associated framework is also intended to inform suppliers of procurement opportunities, together with how they will be treated and evaluated in any procurement they engage in with the Council.
- 3.4 The document also includes the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015). These enact greater transparency in the procurement process including the publication of contract documentation, pre-market

engagement, opportunities for small businesses, the use of E-tendering and the degree of dialogue within a tendering process.

3.5 The Council complies with these requirements.

4.0 Detail

4.1 The proposed Procurement Strategy is published alongside this report and is recommended for adoption by the Council.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None directly.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 The Procurement Strategy and Framework is part of the Council's Financial Procedural Rules (Section 21) and the rules governing Contracts (Section 22). It is a statutory requirement that the strategy and framework is incorporated into the Council's constitution and is subject to external audit to ensure that proper control and governance supports the procurement function.

6.2 The adoption of the Strategy will support the Council in achieving several of its key outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan and in particular, financial health and good governance.

6.3 Internal consultation has taken place with senior managers and no substantive issues have been raised.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 Efficient procurement will help to bring benefits to the Community as services will be more cost effective and efficient and resultant savings will be directed to those services deemed as a priority in the Corporate Plan.