

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 27 March 2014

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**Title:** Procurement Strategy

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Robert Chambers

Key decision: **No**

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## **Summary**

1. The Council's Procurement Strategy is refreshed every year and the proposed strategy for 2014/15 is presented with this report.
2. The Strategy shows how the Council's procurement activity contributes to the Corporate Plan priorities of Low Tax, High Quality, Responsible Growth and Prosperity. A workplan is set out and is dominated by major housing contracts.
3. One of the key reasons for updating the Procurement Strategy is to provide ongoing assurance to the external auditor that the Council has a sound approach to procurement. This is taken into account as part of the external auditor's statutory 'value for money' opinion.

## **Recommendations**

4. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the Procurement Strategy as attached to this report.

## **Financial Implications**

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation. The Strategy is designed to minimise the risk of challenge by unsuccessful tenderers. The Strategy acknowledges the role of Procurement in reducing the organisation's running costs. No specific savings targets have been built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy in order to avoid being seen to prejudice "best value" outcomes and to preserve the objectivity of the procurement process.

## **Background Papers**

None.

## Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	No specific implications
Equalities	An EQIA is appended, there are no issues arising
Health and Safety	No specific implications
Human Rights/Legal Implications	No specific implications
Sustainability	No specific implications
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications

## Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Actions in the Procurement Strategy are not implemented	2 (the Procurement Manager has the capacity to take these issues forward)	3 (the Council will be unable to demonstrate progress)	The actions have been built into workplans and will be monitored through the Council's performance management framework.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.