

Committee: Governance, Audit and Performance Committee

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Summary

1. The Procurement Strategy sets out the Councils vision for its procurement activity over the next four years.
2. The Strategy includes the aims of the Council to ensure all procurement activities are delivered in an economic, environmentally, and socially responsible way, whilst delivering value for money for the Council and promoting the long-term interests of the communities, residents and business in Uttlesford.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is requested to recommend The Procurement Strategy, attached as Appendix A for approval by The Council.

Financial Implications

4. No direct financial implications from The Strategy.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Impact

- 6.

Communication/Consultation	Corporate Management Team and Informal Cabinet Briefing
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

- 7. The Procurement Strategy includes the introduction of the use of the National Themes Measures and Outcomes (TOMS).
- 8. The National TOMs framework is widely recognised as the best standard for measuring and reporting on social value and this is supported by the Local Government Association.
- 9. Measures include supporting young people into work, opportunities for disadvantaged people, improving staff health and wellbeing, ethical procurement, social value in supply chains, supporting community projects, and reducing carbon emissions.
- 10. For every £1 generated, the Council will be able to quantify in pounds the wider value created for society. A briefing note is attached as Appendix B providing a full explanation on ‘What is Social Value’, the paper includes a worked example demonstrating how this is applied and calculated in the procurement process.
- 11. The Strategy aims to align with the Councils Corporate Priorities, specifically focusing on Climate Change.
- 12. The key priorities to be considered in all the Council’s procurement activities are set out in more detail in The Procurement Strategy attached as Appendix A.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Key aims and priorities are not considered when procuring goods and services	2	2	All procurement activity is governed by the Contract Procedure Rules and managed by an experienced team of procurement officers.

- 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.