



**AUDIT & GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE: Wednesday, 29 May
2024**

**COUNCIL: Wednesday 17th July
2024**

Report of: Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Molloy

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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

Wards affected: (All Wards);

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To set out the details of the Procurement Strategy 2024- 2029

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

2.1 That the Procurement Strategy is noted and any agreed recommendations are referred to Council for consideration

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

3.1 That the Procurement Strategy is noted.

3.2 That future reporting of the Procurement Strategy is through Audit and Governance Committee.

4.0 Background

4.1 Following on from an Internal Audit Recommendation it was identified that the Procurement function would move to a centralised delivery model.

4.2 To support this move it is imperative that procedures and processes are reviewed. The proposed Procurement Strategy (attached) details the steps that will be taken to enable improvements to the Council's procurement practices.

4.3 This strategy will focus on how developing our inhouse talent and expertise, good practice and governance will provide a progressive, efficient and accountable centralised procurement function.

5.0 Reporting

5.1 In order to track the success of the Procurement Strategy it is proposed that the KPI's are reported annually to Audit and Governance Committee from financial year 2025/26.

5.2 A new assessment based on the National Procurement Strategy Toolkit will be completed and reported to Audit and Governance Committee from financial year 2025/26.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this report.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 The actions referred to in this report are covered by the scheme of delegation to officers and any necessary changes have been made in the relevant risk registers.

9.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

1. Procurement Strategy 2024-2029