

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

13 JUNE 2019

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Report Title	ADOPTION OF THE REVISED PROCUREMENT STRATEGY
Purpose of Report	To inform members of the revised Procurement Strategy and to seek approval of the revised strategy.
Decision(s)	The Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that the revised Procurement Strategy is adopted.
Consultation and Feedback	Procurement Priorities – Member’s information evening held on 7 March 2019.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.</p> <p>The revised Procurement Strategy is a key tool in ensuring the Council delivers value for money and its policy objectives when purchasing goods and services.</p> <p>Andrew Cummings – Interim Director of Resources Tel: 01453 754115 Email: andrew.cummings@stroud.gov.uk</p> <p>It is important that the Procurement Strategy is periodically reviewed to take account of legislative changes and best practice.</p>
Legal Implications	<p>The relevant legal implications are set out in the body of the report and the draft Procurement Strategy (in particular at Appendix 2).</p> <p>Mike Wallbank – Solicitor Email: mike.wallbank@stroud.gov.uk</p>
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Performance Management Follow Up	The Procurement Strategy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it is up to date and meets best practice.
Background Papers/ Appendices	<p>National Procurement Strategy 2018. Motions to Council relating to Single Use Plastic, Community Wealth Building, Carbon Neutral 2030 and Charter against Modern Slavery. Appendix A – Procurement Strategy – 2019 – 2023.</p>

BACKGROUND

1. The National Procurement Strategy for Local Government was published in 2018 and sets out recommendations for district councils, as detailed below.
2. The new national strategy builds on the actions from the previous national procurement strategy of 2014 whose key themes were: making savings; supporting local economies; leadership and modernising procurement.
3. A revised Procurement Strategy has been produced to align with the Council's strategic objectives and to build upon the new National Procurement Strategy, and also incorporating new legislation and best practice.
4. We have defined our vision for procurement as: 'Our vision for procurement is to demonstrate value for money through the effective procurement of goods, services and works on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits to the community and the organisation, whilst minimising impacts to the environment'.
5. The purpose of the strategy, see Appendix A, is to ensure that the Council's procurement activities are undertaken to a high standard, efficiently and effectively to achieve best value, and to support social, economic and environmental benefits. The strategy has 3 procurement aims as follows:
 - **Showing Leadership** - With local government third party expenditure totalling around £60 billion a year in revenue alone, procurement clearly has a major contribution to make. A more strategic approach to procurement should be at the heart of thinking for our councillors and decisions makers because procurement is not merely about ensuring compliance. There is an ever-growing need to engage with service heads and procurement teams on high value, high risk procurements to drive innovation, generate savings and identify opportunities for income generation.
 - **Behaving Commercially** - We need to improve public sector commissioning and procurement to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of government. This means improving the skills of our leaders, both members and officers so their teams can design service provision, influence external parties, and shape and manage markets to get the best outcomes. This can be done by creating commercial opportunities, managing contracts and supplier relationships and risk management.
 - **Achieving Community Benefits** - We can use procurement to achieve wider financial and non-financial outcomes, including improving wellbeing of individuals and communities, social value and improved environment.

6. The importance of procurement in the public sector continues to grow and there is increasing pressure to improve procurement performance; this strategy sets out actions to facilitate the progress of each of the procurement aims.

Brexit

7. The most recent information published by the Cabinet Office relating to public sector procurement requirements for the UK leaving the EU with a deal and no deal scenarios is set out below:

If a **deal** is agreed: the public procurement regulations will remain broadly unchanged during any implementation period.

If there is **no deal**: the public procurement regulations will remain broadly unchanged **but** we will no longer have access to the Official Journal of the EU (OJEU) and Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) to publish our notices; we will have to publish notices through a new UK e-notification service (this will be ready for use by exit day).