

# Report

Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>13 May 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Procurement Strategy 2020 to 2023</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide Executive Committee with the Procurement Strategy for the Council for the period 2020 to 2023 for approval.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the Procurement Strategy for 2020 to 2023 be approved

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Procurement Reform Act (Scotland) 2014 requires the Council to develop a Procurement Strategy and undertake an annual review of strategic objectives. The statutory guidance details the areas which the procurement strategy must cover.
- 3.3. The Council's previous Procurement Strategy covered the period 2017 to 2020 and the new strategy is presented for 2020 to 2023.
- 3.4. In preparing the Strategy, consultation has taken place with a number of stakeholders including Executive Directors, Heads of Service, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Legal Services, Regeneration Services, the Sustainability team, Internal Audit and The Procurement Network.
- 3.5. The Strategy recognises the Strategic Commissioning Plan operated by the Health and Social Care Partnership and the range of services procured by the Council on their behalf.

## 4. Strategic objectives

- 4.1. The Procurement Strategy is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2. The Strategy communicates the Council's vision for procurement based on seven key strategic objectives:-
1. Compliance: ensure compliance with Procurement Regulations and the Council's Standing Orders on Contracts
  2. Value for Money: to secure Best Value, balancing cost and quality of service and support the Council in achieving budget savings
  3. Collaborative: identify and influence collaborative opportunities to work with public partners and drive value through the power of public sector procurement

4. Contract and Supplier Management: support Resources to take a proactive approach to contract and supplier management to achieve innovation and value in contract delivery
5. Fair Work Practices: work with suppliers to improve Fair Work Practices, including payment of the Living Wage and compliance with Council Charters
6. Sustainable and Ethical: secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits through contracts as set out in the Sustainable Procurement Duty
7. Community Benefits: ensure Community Benefits are secured and delivered to contribute towards a prosperous, fairer and more sustainable South Lanarkshire

4.3. The Strategy promotes continuous improvement in all procurement activities and aims to ensure they are performed effectively while delivering efficiencies where possible.

4.4. In addition to detailing how the Council will maintain and improve upon its core procurement capability, the strategy also considers how the Council will meet its obligations in terms of the Sustainable Procurement Duty, delivery of Fair Work Practices and Community Benefits by contractors and the procurement of ethically traded goods and services.

4.5. The Procurement Strategy and Action Plan will be subject to ongoing review as we establish the impact of COVID 19 on current contracts, planned future tenders and the supplier market.

## **5. Action Plan**

5.1. The Procurement Service will develop an annual action plan each year for the life of the strategy to support the strategic objectives. Regular updates on progress against the annual action plan will be provided to Corporate Management Team. This will also be provided to Finance and Corporate Resources Committee as part of an annual strategy review.

5.2. The annual action plan for 2020/2021 is included in Appendix 2.

## **6. Employee Implications**

6.1. The Procurement Strategy and delivery of the strategic outcomes is dependent on our procurement professionals and other employees with procurement responsibilities to develop and maintain appropriate skills, qualifications and levels of competence.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1. There are no specific financial implications as a consequence of this Strategy.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1. There is a risk that failure to promote and adhere to proper procurement rules and regulations could result in legal challenge against the Council, and a failure to achieve best value. Through the agreement and implementation of the Procurement Strategy this risk is minimised.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. An Equality Impact Assessment in terms of the proposals contained within the strategy has been undertaken.

9.2. Appropriate consultation was carried out and is summarised in Paragraph 3.4 of this report.

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14 April 2020

**Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives**

- ◆ Accountable, effective and efficient

**Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee 8 February 2017

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

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