

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

*To:* **Cabinet**

*Date:* **22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2011**

*From:* **LGSS Director of Finance**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* **To present the proposed Procurement Strategy for the Council and to note the actions proposed to deliver the outcomes in the strategy.**

*Recommendation:* **1. To approve the proposed Procurement Strategy.**

**2. Note the key performance measures and how these will be reported upon.**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Member led review in April 2010 into 'Getting Maximum Value for Money in Procuring Goods, Services and Works' identified a number of weaknesses in how procurement was being undertaken across the Council, including the lack of a Council Procurement Strategy.
- 1.2 The findings from the Member led review have been built upon to develop a Procurement Strategy attached as Appendix 1 that is intended to significantly improve how the Council procures goods, services and works.

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

- 2.1 The Council has historically spent in the region of £350m annually on procuring goods, works and services and there is an urgent need to get improved value for money from this expenditure. Whilst this spend is likely to fall significantly due to budget reductions it is essential to deliver maximum value from the remaining spend to help protect front line services.
- 2.2 This attached strategy sets out the purchasing direction for the next three years and will be reviewed annually. The strategy will form an integral part of the procurement strategy covering our Local Government Shared Service (LGSS) partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) that provides business support services to both partners.
- 2.3 The strategy maps out the actions necessary to put firm foundations in place to maximise the contribution from procurement for the Council both from its own spend and by leveraging economies of scale from the combined LGSS spend. Individual strategies will be developed jointly with service owners to cover the approach towards each key category of spend across both LGSS partners.

## **3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

### **3.1 Resources and Performance**

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers

- The strategy is intended to improve the value for money from the goods, services and works the Council procures

### **3.2 Statutory Requirements and Partnership Working**

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers

- The strategy is intended to maximise the benefits of procurement collaboration from the LGSS partnership and with other local partners

### 3.3 Climate Change

None

### 3.4 Access and Inclusion

None

### 3.5 Engagement and Consultation

None

## SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source Documents	Location
Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee Member Led Review titled – Getting Maximum Value for Money in Procuring Goods, Services and Works April 2010	Via Paul White 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Octagon Shire Hall Cambridge.

## Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cambridge County Council Procurement Strategy - a colour version will be circulated separately to Cabinet due to the cost