

Procurement and Commercial Annual Report

To: Audit and Accounts Committee

Meeting Date: 26th May 2023

From: Tom Kelly, Services Director of Finance and Procurement

Outcome: The Committee is asked to note the Procurement and Commercial Annual Report, attached here at Appendix 1.

Recommendation: That the Committee considers the Procurement and Commercial Annual Report

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1. Background

- 1.1 In November 2021, this Committee considered the External Auditor's value for money opinion for 2017/18. This opinion contained a number of findings on procurement weaknesses and a number of initial actions were reported on.
- 1.2 It was agreed at that Committee meeting, that an Annual Report would be presented to the Committee covering the areas identified in November 2021.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The first Procurement and Commercial Annual report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The report covers those areas agreed at the November 2021 Committee meeting as well as giving an overview of the team's activities in financial year 2022/23 and a short look forward to the next financial year.
- 2.3 Members are asked to note particularly the legislative changes that will affect the team over the next year and the risks and opportunities presented by those changes.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Procurement and Commercial Annual Report 2022/23.