

## Procurement and Commercial Annual Report

To: Audit and Accounts Committee

Meeting Date: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

From: Michael Hudson, Executive Director for Finance and Resources

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

Recommendation: That 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 by that Value for Money opinion.

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The second annual report of the Procurement and Commercial Team is attached at Appendix 1. The report covers the activity of the team as well as key areas of compliance.
- 2.2 Committee is asked to note particularly the findings of recent Internal Audit reports and the latest External Audit Value for Money opinions which all highlight improvements in procurement governance and practice.
- 2.3 During 2023/24, the team worked with key stakeholders in Public Health to implement the Provider Selection Regime. 2024/25 will see the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023 which will herald even greater change to procurement practice at the Council. Reports on the Act's implementation are being presented to CLT and Assets and Procurement Committee as required.

## 3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Procurement and Commercial Annual Report 2023/24

## 4. Source documents

- 4.1 N/A