

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	24 JUNE 2019
Heading:	UPDATE: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY		
Portfolio Holder:	PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE – COUNCILLOR DAVID MARTIN		
Ward/s:	N/A		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

Periodically, strategies adopted by the Council require review and revision to remain relevant. This report presents the latest iteration of the Council's Procurement Strategy for the years 2019/20 through 2022/23.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That Cabinet note and adopt the revised procurement policy and strategy**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

In March 2018, Ashfield changed providers of the procurement service from Bassetlaw District Council to Nottingham City Council. Since that change, Ashfield's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR) have been updated to ensure continued good governance and to align our rules to those of the provider to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Likewise, the Procurement Policy and Strategy is therefore due for alignment reflecting the practical change to service delivery. Ashfield District Council's views and principles in that strategy remain the same and are led by strong values and ethics.

Alternative Options Considered

To not adopt a revised procurement strategy is not an option, as the previous strategy was aligned to the previous service delivery partner and holds limited value in that sense.

Detailed Information

The following outlines the changes made in the proposed version:

1. References to Bassetlaw District Council have been changed to Nottingham City Council.
2. References to “the shared procurement” unit have been changed to “the procurement service”.
3. All appendices have been deleted, all of which were templates used in service provision by the previous provider.
4. The 5 principles of effective procurement have been summarised to:
 - Commercial Efficiency
 - Residents at the Heart
 - Partnerships and Collaboration
 - Ethical Standards
 - Governance, Fairness and Transparency
5. The e-procurement section has been eliminated; processes have evolved such that all procurement activity is conducted electronically – therefore, this section is redundant.
6. The definition of the service and Ashfield’s expectations of the current service provider form part of the policy.
7. The section referencing the Corporate Plan and its intersection with Procurement has been deleted because:
 - The Corporate Plan referenced is the last corporate plan
 - The Corporate view is that the Procurement Service will intersect with all Corporate Priorities and, as such, will assist in its capacity to deliver those priorities.
8. The section on relevant legislation and guidance has been removed as:
 - The information is widely available from other public sources
 - The service is designed and implemented with the guidance and legislation having been fully considered. The audience for this policy and strategy will find it of limited value.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

None – The Procurement Policy and Strategy supports every priority within the Corporate Plan, and its impact on each priority remains the same; it adds value rather than detracts.

Legal:

None

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
N/A	N/A

Human Resources:

No implications

Equalities:

No implications

Other Implications:

None

Reason(s) for Urgency

N/A

Reason(s) for Exemption

N/A

Background Papers

Procurement and Policy Strategy

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