
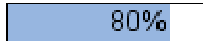




High Priority Audit Recommendations - Audit Committee Report

Appendix B

Category	Procurement				
Recom. No.	Recommendation	Risk Factor (1 High, 3 Low)	Impl. Date	Status	Progress Bar
AUD/1415-13/02	The procurement strategy of the Council should be reviewed and the Sustainable Procurement Policy and Strategy updated accordingly.	1	31-Mar-2015		
	Response				
	A proposed Sustainable Procurement Policy and Strategy for the procurement partnership has been prepared by the SPU manager in co-ordination with other partners and will require approval by Cabinet				
	Manager				
Sharon Lynch; Dave Greenwood					
Comment History	07-Mar-2016	The Strategy was presented in October 2015, some changes were necessary to meet key Policies of the Council (Social Value, blacklisting and living wage) This is planned for April 2016 Cabinet.			
	24-Nov-2015	The Procurement Strategy was presented to the Corporate Leadership Team on 6th October 2015. This is planned to go to Cabinet for adoption early into 2016.			
	11-Sep-2015	Presentation of the Procurement Strategy is planned for October 2015			
	07-Jul-2015	A draft strategy has been produced and will be presented to CLT in July / August 2015 for September			

Category	Procurement				
Recom. No.	Recommendation	Risk Factor (1 High, 3 Low)	Impl. Date	Status	Progress Bar
AUD/1415-13/05	The Council should provide definitive instructions to service areas regarding the procuring of contractors and issue and awarding of contracts particularly in relation to the extent of involvement of the SPU.	1	30-Jun-2015		
	Response				
	It is envisaged that the issue of training is an appropriate topic for discussion within the proposed user group. The decisions made by CMG (see recommendation 1) regarding procedures for				

	advertising contracts via the SPU will require amendment to Financial Regulations.				
	Manager				
	Sharon Lynch; Dave Greenwood				
Comment History	07-Mar-2016	There are a number of procurement matters which require addressing, A report to CLT is to be produced outlying the key issues. The equalities process has been defined but there has still been some question as to the legality of standing list and this matter needs to be resolved as a priority. This will then define how bids from SMEs can be encouraged whilst also a satisfactory evaluation system of suppliers /contractors is in place outside Construction line.			
	11-Sep-2015	The Group are still working on this			
	07-Jul-2015	The Internal procurement user group is working on documented procedures and Flowcharts, which when complete will meet the requirements of this recommendation.			