PFA COMMITTEE



15th APRIL 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To introduce the Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2015-2018 as reviewed in 2014.
- 1.2 To seek approval for the adoption of the reviewed Strategy.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To approve the adoption of the revised Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2015-2018.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The original Sustainable Procurement Strategy was approved in 2010.
- 3.2 It was agreed that the Strategy required a review given the many changes in procurement policy and practice that have taken place since then.
- 3.3 A draft Strategy was produced and circulated for consultation between relevant internal officers and officers within the Welland Procurement Unit. This final Strategy is the result of that consultation.
- 3.4 An EIA has also been produced and circulated to the Check and Challenge Group; questions about the contents of the Strategy and the EIA have been asked by that Group and responded to.
- 3.5 This Strategy is intended to provide a strategic overview of procurement activity at the Council. The Strategy is supported by both the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Procurement Toolkit both of which support officers operationally to conduct procurements. Appropriate training and awareness raising will be undertaken with officers around compliance with the strategy and associated legislation.

4.0 **POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Strategy supports the Council's vision.
- 4.2 The Strategy's three priorities (year on year efficiencies, socially responsible procurement and taking account of equalities issues) support the Council's Corporate Plan.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No additional financial or other resource implications have been identified.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 The Strategy supports the Council in ensuring that its procurement activity is undertaken within the relevant legislation and regulation

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 No community safety implications have been identified.

8.0 **EQUALITIES**

8.1 The impact of procurement activity on equalities issues has been covered within the Strategy itself and is based on the fact that all procurement must comply with the EU principles of fairness, transparency, equity and non-discrimination.

9.0 **RISKS**

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9.1 The main risk associated with this report is around ensuring officers are aware of the legal framework and compliance with the contract procedure rules.

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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 No climate change implications have been identified

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 The Strategy has been consulted upon internally and with the Welland Procurement Unit.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 N/A

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| Appendices : | |
| Background Papers: | Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2015-2018 EIA |
| Reference : | X : Committees\? |