

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **24 JANUARY 2023**

#### **PROCUREMENT PARTNERSHIP**

**Cabinet Member(s):** Cllr Bob Deed – Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance  
**Responsible Officer:** Andrew Jarrett – Deputy Chief Executive (S151)

**Reason for Report:** To introduce the draft new Procurement Strategy covering the period 2023 to 2027.

**Recommendation:** **Audit Committee are recommended to review the draft Procurement Strategy and recommend it for approval by Cabinet.**

**Financial Implications:** Procurement is a critical element of service delivery, with strict regulations in place to ensure Value for Money is delivered. The Council spends multiple millions per year on goods, services and works.

**Budget and Policy Framework:** Procurement has a critical role to play in delivering strategic objectives, innovation and improving the overall quality of services delivered to the public.

**Legal Implications:** The Council must adhere to the EU Public Procurement Regulations for above threshold spend. Below threshold procurements will adhere to Public Procurement Notices and the Council's own financial regulations.

**Risk Assessment:** The EU Public Procurement Regulations are due to be replaced during this calendar year. There is a risk that this could outline different requirements which would necessitate an update to this Strategy.

**Equality Impact Assessment:** No implications arising from this report.

**Relationship to Corporate Plan:** Procurement has a critical role to play in delivering strategic objectives, innovation and improving the overall quality of services delivered to the public.

**Impact on Climate Change:** No direct implications arising from this report. However with the investment required, Procurement will be a key element in the delivery of climate change.

#### **1.0 Introduction/Background**

1.1 The current Procurement Strategy covered the period 2019 to 2022 and was a joint strategy adopted by the District Council's across Devon. Following MDDC joining in partnership with Devon County Council (DCC) it is more appropriate to align with Devon's strategy. Therefore this closely follows DCC's recently adopted strategy and sets out the procurement priorities for 2023 to 2027. The aim is to ensure that our procurement function is best able to support the Council and be compliant with all applicable legislative requirements.

## 2.0 **2023 – 2027 Procurement Strategy**

- 2.1 The proposed strategy is attached in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 MDDC's procurement approach is informed by the National Procurement Strategy and local influences such as the Council's Corporate Plan, Service Business Plans, local economy considerations and reinvestment, the wider supply market, the national procurement strategy and legislative framework.
- 2.3 The draft strategy covers a number of strategic themes. They interrelate as a balance of considerations, are not in order of priority nor are they exhaustive. These themes will be promoted across services through the procurement approach and performance will be monitored for continuous improvement.
- 2.4 In partnership with Devon Procurement Services this strategy will support the council to deliver high quality procurement that delivers value for money and is compliant with legislation.

## 3.0 **Conclusion**

- 3.1 It is recommended that Audit Committee recommend approval of the attached Strategy.

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