

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3rd FEBRUARY 2016

Procurement Progress Report

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Committee consider and receive the Procurement Progress Report.

Reasons:

- To enable Members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to the management of Procurement.
- To ensure continuous service improvement in the Authority's approach to Procurement.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Procurement Progress Report (March 2016)

The attached report provides members with a review of progress on the development of the Procurement function.

A new Procurement Strategy is currently being developed with a cross-party Members Focus Group (comprising nominated representatives from the Policy & Resources Committee) formed to assist with the development of the new Strategy.

The timing of developing a new Procurement Strategy fits with a number of key milestones including:

- The National Procurement Service
- Welsh Government Fitness Check
- Welsh Government Procurement Policy Statement
- Future Direction of the Procurement Service
- Current and Future Workplans

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: **Phil Sexton** Head of Audit, Risk & Procurement

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal – The introduction of New European Commission (EC) Procurement Directives has resulted in a significant revision of process and documentation. This, together with increase informal challenge to procurement exercises will ensure that compliant procurement will continue to be reliant on expert Legal Advice from the in-house Legal Team.

3. Finance – Work is underway to formally capture the savings achieved through National Procurement Services (NPS) contracts.

NPS plan to charge a 0.45% commission on all expenditure linked to NPS activity.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: **Phil Sexton** Head of Audit, Risk & Procurement

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection