

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Title of report	<b>PROCUREMENT STRATEGY</b>
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Purpose of report	To receive the Committee's comments on the draft Procurement Strategy 2015-2018.
Council Priorities	Value for Money Business and Jobs Homes and Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	The adoption of the strategy has no financial or staffing implication in itself.
Link to relevant CAT	Not Applicable
Risk Management	Each procurement activity is subject to a risk assessment.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not Applicable
Human Rights	None
Transformational Government	Delivering procurement in a sustainable way, considering the environmental and social impacts and benefits.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.

Consultees	Procurement Gateway Board Corporate Leadership Team The Social Value Portal (Government sponsored service to promote social value strategies including procurement)
Background papers	<a href="#">The Public Contracts Regulations 2015</a> <a href="#">Local Government Association – National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2014</a> <a href="#">Local Transparency Code 2015</a>
Recommendations	<b>THAT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CABINET WHEN IT MEETS ON THE 20 OCTOBER 2015 TO CONSIDER THE STRATEGY.</b>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The current Procurement Strategy was developed in 2007, since that time changes have taken place in relation to public sector procurement. Most recently, the National Government Association updated the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in 2014 and The Public Contracts Regulations have been revised and came into force in February 2015.

## 2.0 AIM OF THE STRATEGY

- 2.1 The current Procurement Strategy has been revised and is documented in Appendix A. The document sets out a three year strategy in line with the National Procurement Strategy to define how the Councils spend with external suppliers will be managed to achieve maximum effectiveness.
- 2.2 The council faces a number of key procurement challenges over the next three years:
- delivering quality services with reduced budgetary funding and resource;
  - implementing the newly revised Public Contract Regulations 2015 and meeting the standards laid out in the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government 2014;
  - increasing analytical activity in the collation, analysis and dissemination of data to meet the recommendations of the Local Transparency Code 2015 and responding to Freedom of Information requests;
  - ensuring that staff are equipped with the right skills-base, knowledge and aptitude to maintain a corporate perspective and deliver good procurement practice;
  - meeting government's expectations in how the council's procurement activity can be used to increase the social value, foster local enterprise, support local business and promote local prosperity (Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012).
- The Strategy includes an action plan of how the council can meet these challenges.