

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET

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Portfolio Holder for Finance**

REPORT TITLE: Procurement Strategy 2022 -25

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the Procurement Strategy (Appendix 1) for the purchase of all the Council's goods, and services to cover the period from 2021 to 2025.
- 1.2 That the Head of Service for Finance develop and implement the action plan to deliver the requirements into all procurement in the future.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's strategy sets out the Council's ambitions for Procurement for the next 4 years and has been aligned closely to Vision 2025 objectives for all services. It also takes cognisance of other Welsh Government key legislative and policy documents and attempts to anticipate some change such as the arrival of the new intended Transform Procurement legislation due to replace the current Public Contract Regulation 2015, the Social Partnership Bill and all the new Draft Procurement Policy Statement and Procurement Policy notes issued by Welsh Government which need to be in-built to any procurement process
- 2.2 It provides the leadership to ensure that services and services meet the exacting value standards set out within the contract. It redefines value to include social value, ethical and fair working, community benefits, learning and skills development sustainability and community engagement as important metrics in the price value quality and social value evaluation process in any procurement. The Council wishes to source as much as possible within the Powys economy via the Powys Pound requirements and to develop and use local suppliers' contractors and sub-contractors wherever possible

- 2.3 The Well Being of Future Generations Commissioner is also redefining what is important in any procurement process and defines that the public sector to be broader in terms of its value assessment and has suggested that procurement is one of key areas that public bodies can use to help deliver their obligations under the Well Being of Future Generation Act 2015. The Powys Red Kite Climate Strategy will also redfine the approach to specifications and procurement now and in the future. This all has to be balanced with delivering value for money and our services will need to be innovative and to deliver best possible outcomes for resident of the County.

3. Advice

- 3.1 It is proposed that Cabinet agree the report to act as a catalyst for transforming procurement and provide leadership to the Council to reconsider all intended procurement through the lens of the Council Vision 2025 and new legislation and strategies.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 Services will need to consider any cost implications as part of their service budgets and any other implications to their intended procurement plans.
- 4.2 The Head of Finance (s151 Officer) supports acceptance of the procurement strategy.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 Legal: the recommendations can be accepted from a legal point of view
- 5.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “ I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

6. Data Protection

Processing of Personal Data Not Required

7. Comment from local member(s)

- 7.1 Not required

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the procurement strategy in Appendix 1 and task the Head of Finance with developing an implementation plan for the next 3 years to realise the benefits including the development of measures and outcomes to demonstrate progress

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