

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
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CORPORATE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - UPDATE

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	-
CORPORATE THEME:	Improving Corporacy & Performance
KEY PRIORITY:	Corporate Procurement
STRATEGY:	Corporate Procurement
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APPENDIX 1	Corporate Procurement Strategy

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To propose an updated Corporate Procurement Strategy for adoption by the Council

2. RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- 2.1 **The updated Corporate Procurement Strategy, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Council adopted the current Procurement Strategy in October 2004.
- 3.2 The Procurement Strategy has now been reviewed in line with the National Procurement Strategy and linked to Council Objectives.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Corporate Procurement Strategy provides a framework by which procurement will assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives by achieving value for money in the way it procures and delivers its services. It will also ensure it uses its resources in an economic, efficient, effective and sustainable way.

- 4.2 Procurement is one of the major workstreams contained within the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR07) and this strategy will contribute to the Council achieving the annual 3% ongoing cashable efficiency target included in CSR07.
- 4.3 The strategy will be kept under review to ensure it reflects progress made and emerging best practice.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Procurement needs to be carried out in accordance with the Corporate Procurement Strategy to ensure that value for money is achieved.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Procurement needs to be carried out in accordance with the Corporate Procurement Strategy to ensure that Standing Orders Relating to Contracts are complied with.
- 6.2 Corporate Procurement is within the Council's Corporate Theme relating to Improving Corporacy and Performance and the Key Priority relating to Efficiency.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Without a Corporate Procurement Strategy, the Council risks both non-compliance with Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and failing to identify and reduce spending.

8. CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The annual efficiency target effective from 1st April 2008 included in CSR07 has increased from 2.5% to 3% and can now only be based on cash releasing, ongoing value for money gains. Gains from smarter procurement will contribute to this target and the adoption and use of a Corporate Procurement Strategy will enable smarter procurement to occur.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 CMT.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Council 20th October 2004 – Procurement Strategy.