

<b>Subject:</b>	Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2017-20	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Finance	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Resources and Customer Services
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<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That Overview and Scrutiny recommend that members approve the Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2017-20.
1.2	That Overview and Scrutiny recommend that all future minor amendments to the policy to be delegated to the Head of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The Commissioning and Procurement Strategy sets out the framework for Rossendale to obtain value for money in all procurement activities. It establishes the strategic direction for how we can use procurement to focus activity on the delivery of outcomes and realise corporate priorities during a continued period of financial and other challenges for local government.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale:** our priority is to keep Rossendale clean and green for all of Rossendale's residents and visitors, and to take available opportunities to recycle and use energy from renewable sources more efficiently.
- **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
- **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The strategy helps ensure that at a time of scarce resources all procurement activities focus on delivering value for money.
- Other risk mitigation can be found in other Council documents – in particular the Constitution.

- Risk mitigation is considered further in section 5.4 of the strategy.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 The Council's procurement strategy was last reviewed in November 2009. A revision is therefore timely.

5.2 The new revised strategy includes a number of themes and subjects:

- The context of procurement and commissioning:
  - Definitions
  - Legal and governance background ranging from the European to local context.
- Approach and strategic fit:
  - Co-ordination
  - Mixed markets
  - Types of procurement arrangements:
    - Public sector shared services
    - Community asset transfers
    - Etc.
- Policy and responsibilities
  - Council priorities
  - Best practice
  - Contract management
  - Risk management
  - Assessment need
  - Market place
  - Sustainability
  - Workforce
  - Equalities

## COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

### 6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 The strategy reinforces the Council's commitment to delivering value for money services.

### 7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 Legal and governance matters are noted in the strategy. Any subsequent changes will be further considered by Legal Services as part of that future process.

### 8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

8.1 No further comments.

### 9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The strategy will assist Council and its officers delivering value for money in its procurement and commissioning activities in order to ensure the effective delivery of Council priorities.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Procurement Strategy 2009	Council website