

Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report

JOINT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

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RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet considers the Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy and provisionally approves this.

Relationship to Council Objectives

This report relates to maintaining effective governance arrangements, and improving value for money.

Implications

- (i) This matter is not a Key Decision within the Forward Plan.*
- (ii) This matter is within the Policy and Budgetary Framework.*

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are no direct risk management implications from this report.

Equalities Implications

There are no direct equality implications from this report.

Sustainability Implications

The Joint Procurement Strategy includes a sustainable procurement policy.

Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present a Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy for approval.
- 2 Members will be aware of the shared arrangements that have been put in place between the two councils since February 2012, and of the ongoing move towards shared service delivery. However both councils remain firmly independent, keeping their separate identities and sovereignty, and run by their own locally elected members.

- 3 The move to a shared senior management team and greater shared services means that the financial affairs of the two councils are becoming linked. Officers from both Councils have, or will be, assuming responsibility for the affairs of either Council.
- 4 It is therefore appropriate to put in place a Joint Procurement Strategy to achieve operational effectiveness in the context of joint service delivery.
- 5 The proposed Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy is set out in Appendix 1.
- 6 The vast majority of elements of the existing individual authority procurement strategies have been encapsulated in the harmonised version.
- 7 The main difference is that CDC currently has a sustainable timber policy, whereas SBDC does not. Members are therefore requested to advise whether the joint policy should have a sustainable timber policy or whether the general Sustainable Procurement Policy is sufficient.
- 8 The Joint Procurement Strategy has yet to be approved by SBDC, and it is therefore suggested that at this stage CDC should give an in principal approval. Once SBDC have reviewed the Joint Procurement Strategy the CDC Support Services Portfolio Holder can then either approve it (if only limited changes are proposed by SBDC) or refer this back to this Cabinet (if more substantive changes are proposed by SBDC).

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