

SUBJECT:	Joint Procurement Strategy	
REPORT OF:	Officer Management Team- Prepared by	Director of Resources - Head of Finance

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present a Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy for approval.

2. Links to Council Policies & Plans

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

3. Report

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. It is therefore appropriate to put in place a Joint Procurement Strategy to achieve operational effectiveness in the context of joint service delivery.
- 3.4. The proposed Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.5. The vast majority of elements of the existing individual authority procurement strategies have been encapsulated in the harmonised version.
- 3.6. The main difference is that CDC currently has a sustainable timber policy, whereas SBDC does not. However CDC members have already agreed that the new joint policy does not need to have a sustainable timber policy.
- 3.7. The Joint Procurement Strategy was approved in principle by CDC on 22 October 13 and CDC have agreed that once SBDC have reviewed the Joint Procurement Strategy the CDC Support Services Portfolio Holder can then either formally 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).

4. Recommendation

That the Resources Portfolio Holder considers the Joint CDC / SBDC Procurement Strategy and approves this.

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Background Papers:		