

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	Cabinet
DATE:	7 November 2012
SUBJECT:	Procurement Strategy 2013-15: Buying into Bury
REPORT FROM:	Cabinet Member Finance & Resources
CONTACT OFFICER:	Sarah Janusz – Head of Strategic Procurement & Project Planning
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL DECISION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	<p>This new Procurement Strategy for 2013-2015 sets out the Council's vision for procurement over the next three years, describing how the Council will procure goods, services and works by the most efficient and sustainable means to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the community are furthered, within a clear framework of accountability and responsibility. It recognises the challenges of the current economic climate and seeks to promote opportunities to further local economic benefit through procurement. It builds on the previous strategy's best practice principles, tools and techniques and articulates our strategic expectations from procurement activity.</p>
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<p>Members of the Cabinet are asked to approve the Procurement Strategy.</p> <p>The Council has a legal duty to demonstrate best value in the procurement of goods, services and works. This strategy forms a fundamental part of our procurement framework which will ensure efficiency and sustainability are delivered through strategic procurement. It replaces the strategy published in January 2010.</p>

IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	
Equality/Diversity implications:	No (see paragraph 1.4 below)
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: Resources

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
15.10.12	24.10.12		
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	
Overview & Scrutiny 08.10.12		12.12.12	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This latest iteration of the Procurement Strategy builds on the outcomes of previous versions, recognising the progress made in relation to processes and structures (our procurement framework) which have been achieved by embracing technological solutions in order to maximise efficiencies (through our e-procurement tools for ordering - P2P, sourcing -The Chest and spend analysis - SpendPro), improve skills and collaboration internally (through training and the work of the Operational Procurement Network) and reduce risk by ensuring compliance with Contracts Procedure Rules and public procurement legislation.
- 1.2 The strategy will cover the three year period from January 2013 to December 2015.
- 1.3 All risks associated with the delivery of the Procurement Strategy will be detailed and addressed within the associated Action Plan, progress against which will be monitored by the Strategic Procurement Board.
- 1.4 An Equality Analysis has been completed. No adverse impacts were identified. Positive impact should result from more consistent application of the procurement

equality framework and consideration of social and wider community benefit during the procurement process.

2.0 CONCLUSION

The 2013-2015 Procurement Strategy: Buying into Bury sets out the Council's vision for procurement, describing how the Council will procure goods, services and works by the most efficient and sustainable means to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the community are furthered, within a clear framework of accountability and responsibility. It recognises the challenges of the current economic climate and seeks to promote opportunities to further local economic benefit through procurement. It builds on the previous strategy's best practice principles, tools and techniques and articulates our strategic expectations from procurement activity.

Appendices:-

Procurement Strategy 2013-2015: Buying into Bury
Equality Analysis

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