



Council name	WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28 September 2022. 2pm
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 6
Subject	UPDATED PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Cllr. Dan Levy Cabinet Member for Finance Email: dan.levy@westoxon.gov.uk
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Summary/Purpose	To present an updated draft Procurement and Contract Management Strategy for comment and consideration by the Committee.
Annexes	Annex A – DRAFT PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Recommendation(s)	<i>That the Committee consider the updated Procurement and Contract Management Strategy and recommends it for approval by Cabinet.</i>
Council priorities	Procurement supports all the key Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Action: Leading the way in protecting and enhancing the environment by taking action locally on climate change and biodiversity• Healthy Towns and Villages: Facilitating healthy lifestyles and better wellbeing for everyone• A Vibrant District Economy: Securing future economic success through supporting existing local businesses and attracting new businesses to deliver the economic ambitions of the Local Industrial Strategy• Strong Local Communities: Supporting and building prosperous and inclusive local communities



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting the Housing Needs of our Changing Population: Securing the provision of market and affordable housing of a high quality for a wide range of house holders making their home in West Oxfordshire• Modern Council Services and Sustainable Finance: Delivering excellent modern services whilst ensuring the financial sustainability of the Council
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Publica Procurement and Commissioning Board and Executive Management Team.



1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The revision of the current Procurement and Contract Management Strategy was partly in response to the Internal Audit recommendation as well as the Team recognising the importance of the Council having a Strategy that incorporated the latest guidance from Government as well as Social Value and climate change.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 Following Brexit, Central Government advised that an overhaul of the 2015 Public Procurement Regulations would take place in September 2021. The Procurement team were waiting on this guidance before updating the current Procurement and Contract Management Strategy.
- 2.2 An update from Central Government in October 2021 confirmed that the review of the Public Procurement Regulations would not be published until 2023, at the earliest, which the Team felt was too long to wait for. Therefore the proposed Procurement and Contract Management Strategy now incorporates current relevant best practice as well as the latest information from Government. Depending on what comes out of the final guidance, further revisions to the Strategy may be required.
- 2.3 The revised strategy has been developed by a multi-disciplinary group, which included the Council's Chief Finance Officer/Deputy Chief Executive.

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The updated Procurement and Contract Management Strategy will ensure that Social Value and the climate change agenda are embedded in both the commissioning and procurement process.
- 3.2 The revised Strategy also reinforces the Council's vision – 'Modern Council Services and Sustainable Finance: Delivering excellent modern services whilst ensuring the financial sustainability of the Council' through the effective commissioning and the procurement of goods, services and works.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications from this report. However, compliance with the Council's Contract Rules will support the best use of taxpayers' money.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications from the report or the Strategy, however the Council continues to have a legal duty to comply with the Public Procurement Regulations.



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6. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 There is a potential risk that the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy may need to be further update when Central Government releases further guidance. The Procurement team will advise accordingly if significant updates are required.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications from this report.

8. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Strategy has been revised to recognise the importance of climate change and the Council's key priority to become a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030.
- 8.2 The Strategy recognises that supply chains are the biggest contributor to the overall carbon output of local councils and advocates engaging with suppliers at the earliest opportunity to make climate intentions and ambitions clear at the pre-procurement stages is key to reducing the Council's carbon footprint.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 9.1 Not applicable

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Not applicable.

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