

31. MODERNISING PROCUREMENT REVIEW

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Estates providing a summary of the findings and recommendations of a comprehensive review of procurement within West Lothian Council.

The Head of Finance and Estates recalled that in 2010 the Council Executive had agreed that a comprehensive review of all council Procurement be undertaken.

Therefore the Council Executive considered the report which provided a summary of the findings and recommendations of the review of procurement all of which were contained within a detailed report entitled 'Modernising Procurement – Shaping the Future' which was appended to the report.

The findings and recommendations included the following:-

- Corporate approach to procurement
- Procurement roles and responsibilities
- Standing Orders and compliance
- Procurement Capability Assessment/McClelland Recommendations
- Contract spend and management
- Collaborative procurement
- Performance management
- Marketing procurement

The Head of Finance concluded that implementing the recommendations from the report would result in improvements to governance, leadership, processes and skills. Furthermore, greater emphasis would be placed on both procurement cashable savings, leading to a consistent approach to the procurement of supplies, services and works, improving service delivery and achieving Best Value from all council procurement activity.

It was recommended that the Council Executive :-

- Note the findings of the Modernising Procurement Review;
- Approve the recommendations set out in the review;
- Instruct officers to implement all the recommendations in the review by March 2013;
- Approve the proposed Corporate Procurement Strategy as set out in the Appendix F to the review;
- Note that appropriate revisions to council standing orders to reflect the revised management arrangements in the report would be considered by the Working Group on Contracts Standing Orders and reported to the Partnership and Resources PDSP; and

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- Agree that a report on the issues surrounding incorporating a “living wage” requirements into contracts was prepared for the Partnership and Resources PDSP.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.