

5. CORPORATE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2022/23

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services presenting the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23, a copy of which was attached to the report.

The Head of Corporate Services explained that the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23 had been developed to support the delivery of the priorities in the council's Corporate Plan. The Strategy was intended to ensure that there was sound governance and a framework to help the council meet national and local obligations including targets defined by the Scottish Government.

The Strategy supported the council's vision for procurement to achieve superior procurement performance through advanced sustainable procurement practices for the benefit of the council and its stakeholders.

The Corporate Procurement Strategy built upon previous strategies. There were five outcomes in the strategy and these were set out in the report under the headings of Contracts; Compliance; Accessibility; Community Benefits; and Sustainability. The Outcomes would also target an increased percentage of council suppliers paying the living wage however it was to be noted that the council was not authorised to enforce payment of the living wage by suppliers.

Key measures of the success for each outcome had been identified and these would be used to track, monitor and report on performance throughout the lifetime of the strategy. An annual review would be undertaken and reported to the council's Corporate Management Team and to the Partnership and Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

There were 31 actions that had been identified to support the delivery of the Corporate Procurement Strategy outcomes. Progress against these actions would be included in the monitoring arrangements for the strategy.

A discussion was then undertaken by the Panel members in relation to the detail contained in procurement reports that were submitted to Council Executive for approval. The Head of Corporate Services explained the process followed by officers in presenting these reports but confirmed that if members required more detail on all the bids received this could be included in future committee reports.

Additionally with regards to community benefits the Head of Corporate Services explained that on pages 24 and 25 of the strategy a commitment was provided for on the monitoring of community benefits and that officer's continued to engage with local companies.

It was recommended that the Panel consider and provide comment upon the content of the draft Corporate Procurement Strategy which was intended to be submitted to Council Executive for approval.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To agree that future procurement reports being presented to Council Executive for approval provide more detail on all the bids received; and
3. To agree that the report be presented to Council Executive for approval.