

18. PROCUREMENT – OUT-TURN MONITORING

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Estates providing details of monitoring of procurement activities.

The report advised that work had been carried out in provision of new contracts to assist in increasing the percentage of contracted spend. This work resulted in 20 contracts being let or adopted in the last quarter. A list of the contracts was provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

Further work to identify and input contracts not included in the Corporate Contract Management System (CCMS) took place which resulted in 86.5% of spend being captured.

The Head of Finance and Estates advised that a consultation exercise had been carried out with service areas to update and amend contract requirements for the second year of the five year delivery plans.

As a result of the contract management approach, closer working relationships were developed with service areas to identify and deliver savings through better contracting practices.

The report went on to advised that as part of the Delivering Effective Procurement workstream, a Procurement Improvement Plan was in place to deliver the six outcomes of the Procurement Strategy which was agreed in June 2013.

The report provided details on Collaborative Arrangements, Improving Procurement Capabilities and Capacity, Corporate Procurement Strategy 2014 – 18 and Community Benefits.

In conclusion the report advised that it was the aim of the Corporate Procurement Unit to lead significant improvements in procurement performance over the coming months through the progress to date and the implementation plans that were in place going forward.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the contracts let since January 2014 and savings achieved in 2013/14, and the community benefits also gained as part of the procurements since January 2014 to date.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.