

19. CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL CARE PROCUREMENT SCOTLAND GUIDANCE

The Council had been invited to respond to draft guidance, published by the Scottish Government, on social care procurement which had been prepared by the Joint Improvement Team and the Scottish Procurement Directorate in consultation with a reference group of key stakeholders.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy which commented on the consultation and provided a draft response.

The Head of Social Policy concluded that the guidance provided a resource that was consistent with the approach to social care procurement already adopted within West Lothian Council. He considered that, although the document itself was somewhat lengthy and in some areas was repetitious, nevertheless, it would be a useful document for local authorities.

It was recommended that the draft consultation response, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for submission to the Scottish Government.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.