



**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC GROWTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ON 8 JUNE 2021**

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2021/2022

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND
FINANCE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To consult and seek approval of the Procurement Strategy 2021/2022
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee following a decision of Moray Council on 17 June 2020 to agree a simplified Committee structure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the case of this Committee, the combining of the delegated responsibilities of Economic Development and Infrastructure, Community Services (Housing and Property) and Finance (paragraph 9 of the Minute refers).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee approves the Procurement Strategy 2021/2022**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Reform Act) introduced a number of significant duties for all public bodies, including the publication of an Annual Procurement Strategy.
- 3.2 The Procurement Strategy for 2018/2019 was approved by this Committee on 8 May 2018 (paragraph 5(i) of the minute refers). At that meeting approval for minor amendments to the annual strategy was delegated to Chief Financial Officer (paragraph 5(ii) of the minute refers).
- 3.3 The subsequent changes to the Strategy have been considered minor (statistic updates, etc) and did not affect the strategic direction of the Council's procurement service and were therefore approved by Chief Financial Officer.

- 3.4 The Procurement Strategy for 2021/2022 has been amended to incorporate the changes to process introduced following the United Kingdom leaving the European Union and to reflect an increased focus on the added value that a procurement process can incorporate – in particular Fair Work First and Community Wealth Building opportunities – and the impact of the Council’s Climate Change Strategy (**Appendix 1**).
- 3.5 Amendments are shown in tracked changes. If approved these will be accepted prior to publishing the revised version on the Council’s website.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The work undertaken by the procurement team assists the Council achieve its local outcomes detailed for the Councils priorities in the Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan)

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council policy on procurement was agreed by Policy Committee on 29 August 2007 (paragraph 11 of the Minute refers). The 2018/2019 Procurement Strategy was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 8 May 2018 (paragraph 8(i) of the minute refers).

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

(d) Risk Implications

If the Council fail to implement the annual Procurement Strategy this may impact on its ability to achieve additional savings and procurement benefits in the future.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising from this report

(f) Property

There are no property issues arising directly from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

Equality impact assessments were carried out on the procurement process August 2016.

(h) Consultations

All Heads of Service, the Legal Service Manager and Committee Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Moray Council has a statutory duty to develop and publish an Annual Procurement Strategy which outlines the Council's main aims and objectives for procurement in the coming year.

5.2 Once agreed the Strategy will be published on the Council's website.

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