

2023/2024 Annual Revision to the Sustainable Procurement & Commercial Improvement Strategy

Background

Section 15(1)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that the Council review its procurement strategy for the current financial year and make such revisions to it as the Council considers appropriate.

Council Strategy – section 4

The recently published [Public Procurement Strategy: 2023 to 2028 for Scotland](#) aims to provide a future high-level vision and roadmap for Scottish public procurement which all public sector bodies can align to and deliver against. This Public Procurement Strategy has put in place initiatives, practices and policies to enable the profession to deliver innovative approaches to procurement.

In light of this, section 4.4 to 4.11 of the Council's Strategy will be replaced by the Public Procurement Strategy's "Good For's" which follows similar priorities, aims and success statements:

- Good for businesses and employees;
- Good for society;
- Good for places and communities; and
- Open and connected

Following the reduction in the Corporate Procurement Unit numbers it will be necessary to re-prioritise with some non-statutory functions being put on hold, ceasing or reducing. Additionally some statutory targets may prove challenging.

Amongst the measures which may be impacted are:

- Levels of contract management;
- A reduction in data for reporting;
- 100% compliance with timescales for publication of Contract Notices; and
- Maximisation of Social Benefits

These matters are reflected in appendix 2.

Council Strategy – appendix 2

As part of the annual revision to the Council's Strategy, appendix 2 will be replaced with the following:

Our Economy		
Our area has the infrastructure for sustainable and inclusive growth where businesses can flourish		
Performance Indicators	Target 23-24	Owner
% of Contract & Supplier Management scorecards delivered where the Supplier at a minimum, meets the Social Benefits expectations	100%	Annabel Travers
% of procurement spent on local small/medium-sized enterprises and SMEs who have a presence in West Dunbartonshire	36%	Annabel Travers
Our Council		
Our workforce is resilient and skilled where digital technology supports service delivery for our residents		
Action	Due Date	Owner
Develop and implement wellbeing, employee engagement, equality and learning and development plans to enable capabilities, improve resilience and promotion of a diverse workforce	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Develop and implement employee life cycle plans in line with the People First Strategy to attract and retain the workforce.	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Implement service review process including role design, use of new technology and new ways of working to add resilience, address gaps, and establish opportunities for efficiencies	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Develop and implement learning and development opportunities to improve capabilities and resilience within the workforce	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Our Council is adaptable and focused on delivering best value for our residents		
Performance Indicators	Target 23-24	Owner
% of Contract & Supplier Management scorecards delivered where the Supplier at a minimum, meets the Cost expectations	95%	Annabel Travers
% of Contract & Supplier Management scorecards delivered where the Supplier at a minimum, meets the quality expectations	95%	Annabel Travers

% of Contract & Supplier Management scorecards delivered where the Supplier at a minimum, meets the Service expectations	95%	Annabel Travers
Annual Cash Savings target achieved	£400,000	Annabel Travers
% of Contract award notices published within 30 calendar days from award letter being sent	100%	Annabel Travers
Action	Due Date	Owner
Implement the Fit for Future Action Plan for Procurement including new P2P processes	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Implement changes to the non-regulated/non-complex procurement process	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers
Implement revised Team structure	31-Mar-2024	Annabel Travers