

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 19 January 2011

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Resources

SUBJECT: Procurement Strategy 2010 - 2013

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek the Board's approval of the revised Procurement Strategy and Delivery Plan 2010 - 2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board approves the Procurement Strategy and Delivery Plan for 2010-2013

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This is the first Strategy developed by the recently formed Procurement Centre of Excellence. It sets out how by bringing procurement skills together into one place it will help the Council deliver its priorities as well as support the local economy

3.2 The newly formed Division will be a vital source of support and technical expertise which will continually review the way in which procurement can be delivered to secure ongoing reductions in spend.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The implementation of the strategy will support the effective delivery of Council's services.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Savings realised through more efficient procurement can be re-directed into supporting front line and priority services.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 The Strategy recognises the impact that Procurement can have on each of the Council's priorities and seeks wherever possible to maximise opportunities to achieve them.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Implementation of the strategy will minimise contract failures that could result in financial loss and damage to the Council's reputation and credibility. Additionally it will minimise the risk of legal challenge under EU rules.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 The Council is committed to providing an inclusive environment in respect of procurement opportunities to all potential suppliers including those from small and medium enterprises and the voluntary and community sector. This will be achieved by improving the transparency of the Council's procurement processes.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.