



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	Cabinet – 17 July 2023 Council – 19 July 2023
Subject	UPDATED PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To present an updated draft Procurement and Contract Management Strategy for comment and consideration by the Committee.
Annexes	Annex A – DRAFT PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.
Recommendation(s)	<i>That Cabinet resolves to: Approve the updated Procurement and Contract Management Strategy and recommends it for approval by Council</i>
Corporate priorities	Procurement supports all key Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deliver the highest standard of service</li><li>• Respond to the climate crisis</li><li>• Provide socially rented homes</li><li>• Make our local plan green to the core</li><li>• Support health and wellbeing</li><li>• Enable a vibrant economy</li></ul>



Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Cotswold District Council – Audit Committee  Leadership Management Team.  Publica Commissioning and Procurement Board.

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The current version of the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy has been in place since 2015. Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, Central Government advised that an overhaul of the 2015 Public Procurement Regulations would take place. The new Procurement Bill has encountered a number of delays and has yet to be laid before Parliament.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The revision of the current Procurement and Contract Management Strategy was partly in response to the Internal Audit recommendation as well as the Team recognising the importance of the Council having a Strategy that incorporated the latest available guidance from Government including Social Value and climate change.

## **3. MAIN POINTS**

- 3.1 The Government introduce updates to current legislation through the publication of Procurement Policy Notes (PPN's). The draft Procurement and Contract Management strategy includes all relevant updates
- 3.2 An update from Central Government in Spring 2023 confirmed that the review of the Procurement would not be published until 2024, at the earliest, which the Team felt was too long to wait for. Therefore, the proposed Procurement and Contract Management Strategy now incorporates current relevant best practice as well as the latest information from Government. Depending on what comes out of the final guidance, further revisions to the Strategy may be required



**3.3** The revised Strategy has been developed by a multi- disciplinary group which included the Council's Chief Finance Officer and Group Managers.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

**4.1** Not Applicable.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

**5.1** The updated Procurement and Contract Management Strategy will ensure that Social Value and the climate change agenda are embedded in both the commissioning and procurement process.

**5.2** The revised Strategy also reinforces the Councils principle – 'Providing value for money for our residents and businesses by using our resources wisely and investing in the district's fabric and future' through effective commissioning and the procurement of goods, services and works.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** There are no financial implications from this report. However, compliance with the Councils Contract Rules will support the best use of taxpayers' money.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** There are no specific legal implications from this report or the Strategy, however the Council continues to have a legal duty to comply with the Publica Procurement Regulations.

#### **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**8.1** There is a potential risk that the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy may need to be further update when the Procurement Bill is laid in Parliament. The Procurement team will advise accordingly if significant updates are required.

#### **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

**9.1** The are no specific equalities implications from this report however the Council continues to have a legal duty to comply with Modern Slavery legislation.

#### **10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**10.1** The Strategy has been revised to recognise the importance of climate change and the Council's key priority to become a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030.



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**10.2** The Strategy recognises that supply chains are the biggest contributor to the overall carbon output of local councils and advocates engaging with suppliers at the earliest opportunity to make climate intentions and ambitions clear at the pre-procurement stages is key to reducing the Council's carbon footprint.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**11.1** Not applicable.

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