



**POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
20TH JANUARY 2009**

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2009/2012

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite members to consider and comment upon the attached Procurement Strategy 2009-2010, which will be represented to Cabinet on the 17 February 2009.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 Procurement is a discipline, which impacts many of the corporate strategies due to the diverse association with each Directorate. Therefore the service links and impacts on all priorities outlined within the corporate plan.
- 2.2 Over the past ten years Procurement has been highlighted as a key driver in achieving the efficiency savings and more recently outlined in the Welsh Assembly Government's white paper "Making the Connections" (October 2004) as a facilitator of change and efficiency.

3. SUMMARY

- 3.1 The attached strategy has been developed as part of the ongoing development of the procurement activity within the Authority. The attached strategy is the second procurement strategy for the authority.
- 3.2 The authority currently spends in the region of £180m each year on external goods, works and services via third party providers.
- 3.3 The strategy sets out six key principles for managing the authority's spend which is diverse and complex.
- 3.4 The strategy highlights areas for development such as collaboration, development of the supply chain and efficiency savings.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 The key aim of the procurement strategy (2009-2012) is to "Obtain value for money through planned, professionally managed and sustainable procurement"
- 4.2 The strategy sets six key principles, which will drive and deliver efficient and effective procurement for the authority.

5. KEY PRINCIPLES

- Supplier Relationships
- Technology
- Socially responsible procurement
- Collaboration
- Efficiency
- Customers, stakeholders and suppliers

6. SOURCING PLAN

- 6.1 As part of the strategy the corporate procurement unit has developed a four-year sourcing plan, which includes Capital works. This plan will allow the authority to manage and predict it's spend and contract commitments.

7. DELIVERY PLAN

- 7.1 The delivery plans sets out key actions for the next four years, detailing the responsible Officer within the authority for taking forward the action and target completion date.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications associated with the adoption of the Procurement Strategy and Sourcing Plan.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no specific personnel implications in delivering the Procurement Strategy and Sourcing plan.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 Consultation has taken place and comments are reflected within the strategy document.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 It is recommended that Members endorse the procurement strategy.

12. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 To ensure that Caerphilly County Borough Council has a fit for purpose Procurement Strategy and four year Sourcing Plan.

13. STATUTORY POWER

- 13.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2000. This is a Cabinet function.

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Background Papers: None